



On-campus advertising

Technology fee helps fund lab



Conestoga president John Tibbits displays the plaque for the Open Access Lab. (Photo by Corey Jubenville)

By Corey Jubenville

Thanks in part to the new technology enhancement fee paid by students, the college has opened up a new 60-station computer lab.

The new Open Access Lab contains Pentium MMX computers, CD-ROMS, printers and Internet access. There are no classes scheduled for the lab which can be used by students during campus operating hours through a sign-in process.

Doon Student Association president Chris Kroeker said the students' government approached the college before last Christmas about a way to improve student access to technology "because things were just too far behind" and people felt the college should

be more up-to-date.

In a ceremony Sept. 15, Kroeker and college president John Tibbits officially opened the facility by displaying a plaque which will go on the lab's door.

The lab gives something tangible for students to see.

DSA president
Chris Kroeker

The computer lab is one of the first enterprises which the new fee, expected to generate up to \$1.4 million in five years, has gone toward.

"It's a nice chunk," said Kroeker. The money is kept in a development account until needed.

He said another endeavor is a lab for continuing education students to use. Continuing education's share of the estimated \$1.4 million fee is \$800,000.

The lab is to be operated through a committee of two senior administrators, the DSA president and three other full-time students. The committee will also look at other ways to spend the technology fee.

Kroeker said student response to the non-refundable fee has been "pretty good" and that the lab gives something tangible for students to see.

"The impact is being felt throughout the school and to other campuses," he said.

No Internet access for alumni

By Corey Jubenville

While current students at Conestoga College start to enjoy the benefits of the new Open Access Lab, college alumni will not be getting Internet access or

e-mail accounts.

Mary Wright, manager of student employment, co-op and alumni services, said there was not a lot of demand for the service, and Internet access for alumni was a long-term goal.

College alumni have not put any money into the technology enhancement fee.

Exceptions to this are the business alumni, who have access to the business labs because of funds they contributed to the labs.

Bigger not always better, says sex therapist

By Rita Fatila

Young people are having sex but don't know a thing about it, sex expert Sue Johanson told a packed Sanctuary Sept. 9.

Johanson, the host of the *Sunday Night Sex Show* on WTN and radio, said parents and teachers are to blame.

"We've denied you a whole lot of information."

The radio and television personality was greeted with a loud chorus of cheers, whistling and applause. Johanson quickly warned students looking for titillation that she was on a serious subject.

"Don't get excited," she told whistling students in the back. "Just because you're on the chesterfield doesn't mean you're going to do it."

"Talking about it is a lot harder than doing it."

Describing what most schools teach as "the plumbing of sex," Johanson said most teenagers aren't interested in the mechanics of reproduction.

"That's not what they want to know. They want to know, 'Hey Sue, is it OK to jerk off five times a day?'"

Johanson answered that question and many others as she shattered myths about masturbation, penis

size and female genitals before answering questions written by the audience before the show.

The ignorance girls have about their own bodies is something else Johanson blamed on school-taught sex education.

"Why weren't they showing you female genitals?" Johanson asked, after lamenting the emphasis schools place on drawings of ovaries and fallopian tubes.

Johanson, who ran a birth control clinic for teenagers in the 1970s, advised females to look at their bodies and to place their feet together with their legs turned outward for a comfortable pelvic exam.

"You can't be comfortable with the stirrups. You've got one foot in Churchill and one foot in Toledo and the doctor's saying, 'This won't hurt.' We should grab him by the testicles and say, 'Relax, this won't hurt a bit!'" Johanson said, while the crowd cheered.

Johanson said, while most men take pride in their genitals, women do not.

"How many females do you know that put one foot on the john, put a mirror under there and say, 'Looking good, honey!'"

Females also lack words for their genitals, Johanson said, except for 'down there'.

"As far as I'm concerned, 'down

there' is south of Wawa."

Johanson added that many of the girls she treated at her clinic didn't want to look at their genitals. She then described the location and function of the labia majora and minora, the vagina and the clitoris.

The clitoris, Johanson said, is the sexual response centre in a woman and is best stimulated by digital or oral contact.

"As long as you've got 10 fingers and a tongue you're fine."

Johanson explained the myth of a larger penis giving more sexual pleasure is based on ignorance about the clitoris.

"I'm letting all you guys off the hook. Penis size does not matter."

Usually when a teenaged boy calls up her show, Johanson said, he's concerned about the size of his penis and wants to know what creams, exercises or stretches will make it larger.

Johanson said besides insecurity over the size of their genitals, most boys are misinformed about masturbation. Johanson listed the rumors that have resulted from this, including the beliefs that masturbation will give males hairy palms, mental illness, blindness or sterility. This is highly unlikely, Johanson said.

"Your hand is going to give out before your sperm count does."



Sex expert Sue Johanson talks to students in the Sanctuary Sept. 9. (Photo by Sarah Smith)

Assistants being hired by DSA

By Erica Ayliffe

The Doon Student Association is in the process of hiring two new promotions assistants.

Twelve students have applied for the positions and the interview process was to begin Sept. 18.

The DSA already has two promotions assistants, Dave White and Bryan Bambrick, who were hired at the end of April. At that time the DSA was looking for four assistants, but not many people applied for the job.

Those who did apply weren't interested once they knew they would have to work through the summer, said the DSA's director of student life Becky Boertien.

"What we're looking for is some-

one who is outgoing and enthusiastic," said Boertien. "It's also nice to have someone who is not afraid to talk in front of large crowds."

The job or volunteer experience a student has is not really going to matter, said Boertien and Joanna Stevens, vice-president of operations.

"People are applying who have worked in a bakery to people who have worked in a company dealing with computers," said Stevens.

"We see being a promotions assistant as being part of the education process," said Boertien. "So if they have the right characteristics, we'll hire them."

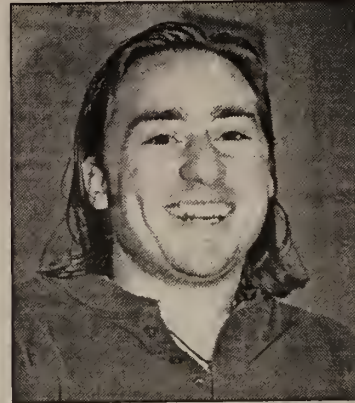
Promotions assistants are required to work at least 10 hours a week, with two hours of sched-

uled time in the DSA office.

Steve Harris, the DSA's entertainment manager, was a promotions assistant last year and said the job involves many things. Promotions assistants design and put up posters around the school, set up stages and equipment for bands and comedians, are present at certain DSA events and inform class reps at meetings what events the DSA is planning, he said.

"Sometimes it got a little frustrating," said Harris. "If you want to relate it to a totem pole, a promotions assistant is at the bottom. You don't have that much power."

One of the benefits of being a promotions assistant, said Harris, is that it gets your foot in the door of the DSA.



Steve Harris (Photo by Erica Ayliffe)

"If you wanted to take a small step at getting involved in the executive, the promotions assistant's job would be the first

one to get," he said.

Last year, DSA president Chris Kroeker and Thomas Muller, the DSA's education and communications coordinator, were also promotions assistants.

"It's almost impossible," said Harris, "to go from nothing to president."

Boertien said the DSA will hope to have the assistants picked by around Sept. 24.

If the group of interviewers has trouble picking people from the first interview process, a second interview will be done.

Boertien said they usually give applicants a case study to do which involves hypothetically planning the DSA's winter carnival or a similar event.

Check it out



From Left — Jeff Matteis, Paxton McMillan and Rich Krali, all materials management students, look through DSA brochures for school clubs in the Sanctuary. (Photo by Andrea Bailey)

Services increased at two campuses

By Andrea Bailey

Conestoga's student services department will be increasing its services to two out of the four satellite campuses in the near future, said Jack Fletcher, chair of student services.

About one year ago, student services was downsized at the Waterloo and Guelph campuses. Fletcher said Waterloo went from having an on-campus counsellor two full days a week to having one two half days per week. Guelph went from also having a counsellor in two full days a week to only having one sent from Doon during emergency situations.

He said, as soon as a part-time counsellor is firmly in place at the Guelph campus, he or she will be there two half days per week.

"We do have a person in place," said Fletcher. "But because of a personal situation, they were not able to start at the beginning of the year. We do hope to see them start in the next week or two though."

Student services at the Waterloo

campus, he said, has already been increased to having an on-campus counsellor two full days a week.

"Joan Magazine has been going over to the Waterloo campus from here," said Fletcher. "Alice Kerr is the person who basically oversees things in Waterloo."

He said, because of the significantly small sizes of the Stratford and Cambridge campuses, there is not a need right now for more student services.

He said, however, that the need for an increase in services at the other satellite campuses, especially in Waterloo, is because the number of college programs is starting to grow again.

"There is a lot of work done with the preparatory programs in Waterloo," he said. "New teaching styles and counselling methods have even been introduced to accommodate the needs of all the students."

Fletcher said the main objective of the college a year ago was not only downsizing, but restructuring.

"We had to do things differently to be effective," he said. "Since then, we have had to keep analysing the situation and monitoring anything that has changed, such as campus sizes or program changes. We always try to keep on top of things."

Fletcher said he takes a survey of all first year students to know what they like or dislike about the college. Some of them, he said, have pointed out the lack of student services at the satellite campuses is something they wish would change.

But, he said, the college has always had to gather this information because students rarely takes steps on their own to complain.

Fletcher said the reasons for the downsizing a year ago were based around finances and the reduction of programs at the satellite campuses.

He said, however, that the student services department is now stabilized, so no more major downsizing is expected to take place.

Decal sales may continue for parking

By Craig Vallbacka

Parking decals may be for sale again at the end of September, Conestoga's manager of physical resources said. However, 121 people are already on the waiting list.

"We believe that once people get used to when their classes start and finish, and possibly begin sharing rides, more spaces may become available," Barry Milner said.

Milner said he is unsure if all 121 people on the waiting list will receive parking decals.

"We may only be able to handle a portion of the list," he said.

The waiting list for parking decals is done on a first come, first serve basis, he said.

Milner said people on the list are contacted when a decal becomes available, but if they turn down a decal because it's not in the parking lot they wanted, they move to the end of the waiting list.

Milner said the number of decals which are sold each year is based on an inventory that is taken every day.

"We go out with our security officers and we have them count the number of open spaces each day," he said. "We try to do this a couple of times a day and we record the numbers that are the lowest."

He said these numbers are then used in conjunction with the previous year's numbers to determine how many more decals can be sold.

The college has sold 2,855 parking decals this year, the same number as last year, he said. Decal sales are based on a percentage basis, Milner said.

"If any particular school (such as the School of Business), for example, is 25 per cent of the student population, then we break it down and sell 25 per cent of each colored decal on that day of orientation."

When people purchase parking decals, Milner said, they are pro-

vided with a brochure which outlines some of the responsibilities that people have regarding parking at the school.

The brochure outlines some of the different things people could receive a ticket for.

He said, the brochures are also available at the security office.

One of the rules about parking decals is that they are non-transferable and must be registered to the purchaser.

Milner said resale of decals is also prohibited.

"All sales should go through the security office," he said.

"We have, in the past, had people break into cars and steal decals. People then think that they're getting a good deal if they're picking up a decal for \$25 or \$50. But if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Milner said people must keep in mind that there is a refund policy with parking decals, so it wouldn't make any sense for someone to resell their own decal, when they could get a refund from the college instead.

"We are asking people, if they do get approached, to try and get a name and phone number and tell the individual they will get back to them. Then go see our security staff and report the incident," he said.

"We have caught people with stolen decals and there is a procedure we follow in regards to stolen decals. The police do get involved, as it is possession of stolen property."

Correction

In the Sept. 8 edition of Spoke, in a story concerning faculty negotiations, Walter Boettger said most people do not grieve, however, the majority of faculty do grieve if they are notified of a layoff.

Computer coaching new to college

By L.A. Livingston

The computer coach program offered by Conestoga College will become highly used once it is understood, said professional development consultant Jane McDonald.

"I think we'll be at our maximum funding unit before too long," she said.

"We have 10 hours a week of computer coach time right now, but if there's a high demand then we'll look at bumping them up."

The program is funded by the Ontario Works Study program.

It is a joint effort by peer services and professional development, and is open to every college employee.

A flyer was sent throughout the college to introduce the new program, McDonald said.

"Because it's just begun, we've had three or four inquiries, and that was last Friday, but that flyer just went out," McDonald said. "Nobody knew about it until the flyer came out last week, and people got it Wednesday, Thursday last week."

The computer coach program pairs peer tutors with college employees who are having specific problems with computer software, she said.

The peer tutors in this program are skilled students who are recruited and paid by peer services.

Coordination of peer tutors has

been spearheaded by Myrna Nicholas, peer services administrator, said McDonald.

Nicholas said the four requests for coaching won't be matched up with tutors until peer training is completed.

Three sessions remain to be held on Sept. 24, 29 and 30, she said, and she is hoping to have about a dozen tutors who will be able to be computer coaches.

McDonald said she got the idea for the program when a colleague of hers at another college was running a similar program.

She said she "stole" the idea from her colleague to implement the program at Conestoga.

"I knew that in order to make this

work, it had to happen with peer tutors, so I contacted Myrna because she was in charge of peer tutors," McDonald said.

Between the two of them, she said, they came up with a proposal.

"My partnership with peer services is that this is a program that is being offered for employees," she said.

"So it's a professional development activity, but it's being supported by peer services because it's the peer tutors who are the computer coaches."

"It will depend on their level of expertise in computer areas, and which area are they strongest in," she said.

She said, people who know what they're doing will be matched with people who don't know what they're doing.

McDonald said the coaching is not designed to be ongoing help. "It's a one-shot deal for a specific problem."

The current problems with the Internet system are not applicable to the computer coach program, she said.

"The coach program is not designed to fix problems with the system; it's designed to fix problems with the user of the system," she said.

The coaching will take place in the Owen Lackenbauer lab or in the open lab.

Welcome to Conestoga College

Gerry Cleaves, vice-president of student affairs, samples free cake while handing it out to students in the Sanctuary Sept. 10. Johanna Stevens, vice-president of operations, looks on.

(Photo by Barbara Ateljevic)



Accident near Doon campus injures two

By Craig Vallbacka

Two people were sent to Grand River Hospital in Kitchener with minor injuries, following a three-car accident on Sept. 10.

The accident, which occurred at the intersection of Homer Watson Boulevard and Conestoga College Boulevard, happened around 8:15 p.m.

Const. John VanBreda of the Waterloo regional police traffic division said a southbound vehicle on Homer Watson Boulevard was struck in the side while making a turn onto Conestoga College Boulevard.

The southbound vehicle then spun into a car on Conestoga College Boulevard which was waiting to turn south on Homer Watson Boulevard.

VanBreda said the occupants of the struck vehicle were on their way to Conestoga College, and both injured persons were from that vehicle.

The driver of the struck vehicle was still on his graduated-licence.

He has been charged with making an unsafe turn, and having alcohol in his blood.

Alcohol in the blood is an offence under the graduated-licence system.

Hepatitis B shots provided

By Erica Ayliffe

The Doon Student Association, in collaboration with Smithkline Beecham Vaccines, is offering hepatitis B vaccines in the Sanctuary Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The set of three shots costs \$60 while the vaccine at doctors' offices ranges from \$120 to \$150, said Becky Boertien, the DSA's director of student life.

The vaccine is being offered to everyone, including people not connected with Conestoga College.

The Oakville-based company will be returning in November and April to give students the second and third shots, said Boertien. If students can't make it on the scheduled days, they can take the second and third vaccines with them on Sept. 22 to be adminis-

tered by a doctor, or they can pay \$20 for one shot.

The set of three shots are needed for the vaccine to be effective.

Students don't need to register to receive the vaccine, said Boertien. They can come to the room beside the DSA office any time while the group is here.

According to a pamphlet distributed by Smithkline Beecham Vaccines, 50 million people around the world are infected annually with hepatitis B.

The disease is a highly contagious virus that affects the liver. It is commonly spread through sexual contact, but also through saliva and blood.

Vaccinations are 90 per cent effective in preventing hepatitis B and are the only way to prevent spread, according to the pamphlet.

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Don't drink away your education

By Rebecca Eby

Its structure C₂H₅OH. Its molecular weight, 46.07. Its boiling point, 78.5 C. Its action, depression of the nervous system when taken in excessive amounts.

Yet, in their college years, many students use and abuse this substance in the name of having a good time. Where is the party in these facts from Magill's Medical Guide?

"The presence of 30-50 milligrams of alcohol per every 100 millilitres of blood, which represents the effects of an average drink (a glass of beer, wine, or an ounce of hard liquor), has immediate effects; as the amount increases, effects progress toward death."

On average, a blood alcohol level of 30 to 50 causes elation, chattiness, flushed skin and sociability; 50 to 150, disturbed thinking, impulsive talk and behavior and lack of self-control; 150 to 250,

confusion, unsteadiness, slurred speech and exaggerated or unpredictable emotion; 250 to 700, extreme confusion, inability to respond to questions, unconsciousness and coma; over 700, arrested breathing and death.

Those are only some of the immediate physical possibilities.

Consider the financial consequences.

Students pay good money to go to college. How much have you spent so far on tuition, books, rent, food and incidentals?

If you're stuck in bed, too sick to move after last night's drink-fest, or crawl to campus, but can't function normally, you can probably plan to miss something you would otherwise have noted.

Your marks and chances of employment will eventually suffer and, by your own hand, you will not have received your money's worth of education by graduation day.

Don't think you can rely on your friends either. Chances are, they're in the same condition. And if not, they'd help you most by leaving you to do your work.

Not only are you wasting expense money, but ask yourself how much you spend weekly on drinking. Then ask yourself what you could buy with that cash to provide a more enduring good time, no hangover and something to remember.

Or maybe you won't want to remember what you did on weekends during college. It's not like getting drunk was contributing to society in any way.

Not wasting your college career, or any part of your life, on booze is not a profound medical concept or a complicated theory. It's common sense.

But if you still need to get drunk just to have a good time, you have a problem that runs deeper than common sense can diagnose.



Subsidized daycare is not a free ride for parents in need

By Casey Johnson

Amid the buzz of conversation, suggesting parents who receive subsidized daycare are getting free daycare for their children without any financial responsibility, lies a false pretence.

Subsidized daycare, which is provided by the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo, indeed aids parents financially in putting their child(ren) into a daycare with some financial aid.

However, the situation is not black and white.

Daycare is not given free to a lower income family. There are interviews between the parent(s) and the children's services department within the city, interviews between the subsidized office itself and the parent(s) and an assessment of all financial resources available to the parent(s) before any subsidy is granted.

The final analysis, on whether you are eligible or not, comes after being on a waiting list for subsidized daycare which may last months.

If you are accepted, you are then interviewed by a representative of the subsidized services in your area.

The representative thoroughly reviews your financial situation and your eligibility is determined as to exactly how much your daycare contribution will be. These assessments are done approximately every six months.

Your contribution comes first, then the subsidized daycare office will cover what children's services feel is a reasonable amount to aid you.

The amount varies. The average cost of daycare in the Kitchener-Waterloo area ranges from about \$500 to \$700 a month.

If the subsidy office assesses your financial situation

to include \$300 a month towards your daycare, then that is what you are responsible for paying monthly with no exceptions.

Another false belief is that this daycare can be covered by the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). In part, this is true.

However, even though some financial daycare assistance is provided by OSAP, the subsidy office is aware of the contribution and calculates that amount into your daycare contribution.

Also, students who are not seeking support are penalized or denied any subsidy they need to return to work or school.

The financial penalty is \$75 a month. There are no exceptions.

Some may argue that because the city, and ultimately the taxpayers, are paying for these services, support must be pursued

to aid in the financially responsibility of the child(ren).

For the most part I agree, but once again situations are not

always black or white.

There are potentially dangerous situations that could be avoided by denying access to the child(ren) and cutting off all financial ties.

It is my opinion that each situation be looked at individually and not classed into one category.

I am lucky because I am only penalized financially. There are single mothers in this province who have been denied their right to an education because some subsidy offices have refused them any financial support.

This is based solely on the fact that they refuse to seek financial support from their ex-partners because they fear for their own or their child's safety.

A parent's financial situation should be looked at on an individual basis and not classed into one specific category.

Editorial

A Stern warning

A lot of Canadians have been up in arms recently over comments made by American disc jockey Howard Stern, whose syndicated radio show is being broadcast in Canada by Toronto's Q107 and Montreal's CHOM-FM.

It seems Stern has badmouthed the French and French-Canadians during his first week on the air in this country, causing some Quebec politicians to threaten him with a lawsuit over his remarks.

Let's come to grips here. The calendar says 1997. What is the fuss all about? What do people expect from Stern? The man has made a comfortable living by being shocking and vulgar for years now. Did Canadians think his style would change because his show was now being heard north of the border?

Let's consider the source of these derogatory comments. Stern is a self-confessed dope. He is on the radio primarily to stir up commotion and make people laugh. If he wasn't any good at this, he wouldn't be listened to every morning by millions of people throughout North America.

The man is a disc jockey and comedian, not a politician or school principal. He should have

no influence on how people think or act. Who cares what he says? You can either agree or disagree with him. All he is doing is giving his opinion on matters. It may be right or wrong but we must remember that is all he is giving us, his opinion, and he is entitled to that.

If we see a person walking down the street carrying a sign which reads "The world will end tomorrow", most people would dismiss the person as a lunatic and carry on about their business. This is how Stern should be treated. If you don't like him, there are hundreds of other radio stations to listen to.

Yet, some people seem to have gone completely over the edge by saying Stern's program could become responsible for the break up of Canada by pitting English-Canadians against French-Canadians. How ridiculous. If the main topic of conversation in Canada concerns comments made by a controversial publicity-seeking disc jockey, we are all in trouble.

Like him or hate him, Stern is an entertainer similar to Andrew Dice Clay. And though they may not appear to have any redeeming qualities, there is obviously a market for their type of humor.



Drop us a line.

We welcome your comments and suggestions.



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The new controversy: A Stern concern

By Sarah Smith

He arrived with a bang Sept. 2, his loud and opinionated voice hurtling out of the radio towards unsuspecting first-time listeners. Howard Stern, radio host and star of his movie, *Private Parts*, had landed in Canada.

The event has caused quite a stir, beyond the reach of Montreal and Toronto airwaves broadcasting his syndicated program. Calls for boycotts, censorship and punishment have filled the air, as those opposed seek Stern's diminution or banishment.

The notion that such a prominent, controversial American figure has taken control of precious Canadian radio time seems unpatriotic and offensive to many.

Of course, Stern thrives on this controversy. On his show, he frequently throws out casual remarks about such things as sodomy, date rape, body parts and his dislike of certain nationalities. Q107, the Toronto radio station carrying his program, continues this theme by proudly replaying Stern's finer moments along with both positive and negative feedback from loyal listeners.

I myself could not resist tuning into the controversy, though I was determined to remain open-minded. I knew little of the reality of Stern's show, having heard only bits and pieces in the news when he was particularly contentious.

At first, I was surprised to hear a well-spoken man carrying on a relatively intelligent conversation with the help of his side-

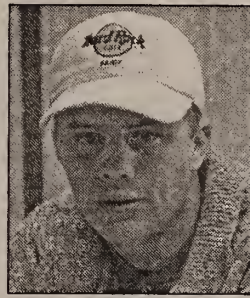
kick, Robin. Any admiration or, at the very least, acceptance, ended there. One need not listen long before those elements of Stern which have sparked such flames become apparent. Racist, sexist, homophobic, bigoted, insensitive and ignorant remarks spew from his mouth on a regular basis. Few people escape his vicious barbs and those opposed to his sentiments are quickly cut off or verbally abused. (Any women calling in to criticize his show are automatically labelled "fat bitches.")

I would probably be more disgusted if I was certain it was Stern himself who really held these outdated and unenlightened opinions. But I wonder whether such controversial, off-the-cuff remarks are just part of a news-generating, fame-seeking persona carefully cultivated by Stern.

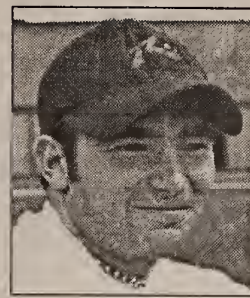
How could such a man, who speaks sensibly on some topics and has a wife and three children (forbidden from listening to the show), say such things with any conviction?

I would also probably be disgusted if Stern's program was of global, all-encompassing proportions, impossible to escape. Thankfully it is not, since his program is just one of many available to radio listeners, much like the show *Married with Children* was one of many available to television viewers. For that reason, Stern's arrival should not be a concern, as he can quite easily be silenced with a flick of the dial. Somehow, I am sure, Canada will survive this most recent American invasion.

What has your experience at Conestoga been like?



Frank Bauer,
second-year
marketing



Jason Harnest,
second-year
materials management



Susan Matjasec,
third-year
management

By Becky Little

This week students are speaking out on their best or worst experiences at Conestoga. This is what they had to say.

Susan Matjasec, a third-year business management student, said the alternative learning system brought in last year was probably the worst thing that has happened to her at the college. But, she said, the Biz Bashes are one of the best experiences.

Frank Bauer, a third-semester marketing student, said the fuzeball game in the Sanctuary has been his favorite experience. His worst experience at college was flunking out, he said.

Parking tickets worth \$300 have been third-semester management studies student, Anil Thakolkaren's, worst experience at Conestoga.

Tanya Balijsa, a computer programming/analyst student, said

she was kicked off campus for rollerblading.

Second-year marketing student Anthony Resyes said his worst experience has been going for a beer in the Roost. He said it's like drinking in the cafeteria.

Jeremy Glenfield, a second-year business management student, said his worst experience at Conestoga had to do with a teacher. The students couldn't follow what he was talking about. He also said he didn't like paying \$158 for a parking decal, only to find out there is no room for him to park.

He said an added bonus would be if Conestoga had more for students under 19.

On a more positive note, he said he likes the environment that the college provides.

Kim Stone, a mechanical engineering student, bought a bookbag from the bookstore. She said it fell apart around the zipper after about a week. She said the bookstore

wouldn't exchange it and they wanted to send it to Vancouver for repair, which would have left Stone without a bag for a couple of weeks.

Jason Harnest, a second-year materials management student, was impressed with the helpfulness of the people at special needs who helped him after he lost part of his middle finger.

First-year computer programming/analyst student, Adam Gonsalves, said he was kicked out of the internet lab for searching for information about Sesame Street for his daughter; the information was not directly related to his course.

Matt Turcotte and Mike Smolders, both second-year broadcasting students, participated in the polar plunge and said they thought it was a pretty good experience.

Good or bad, Conestoga is full of experiences.

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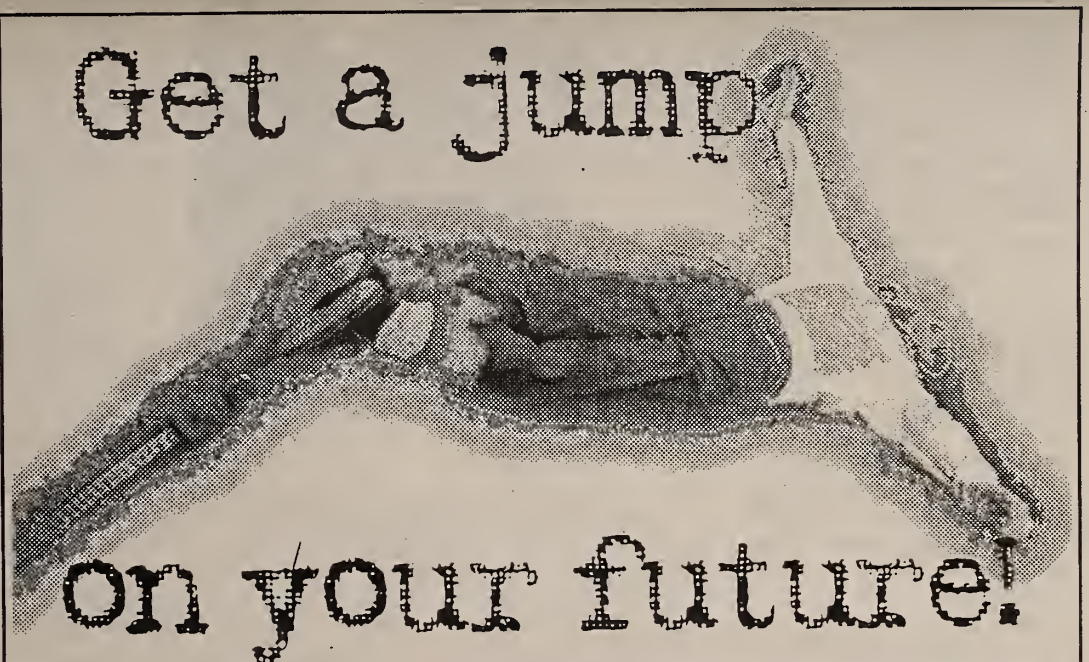


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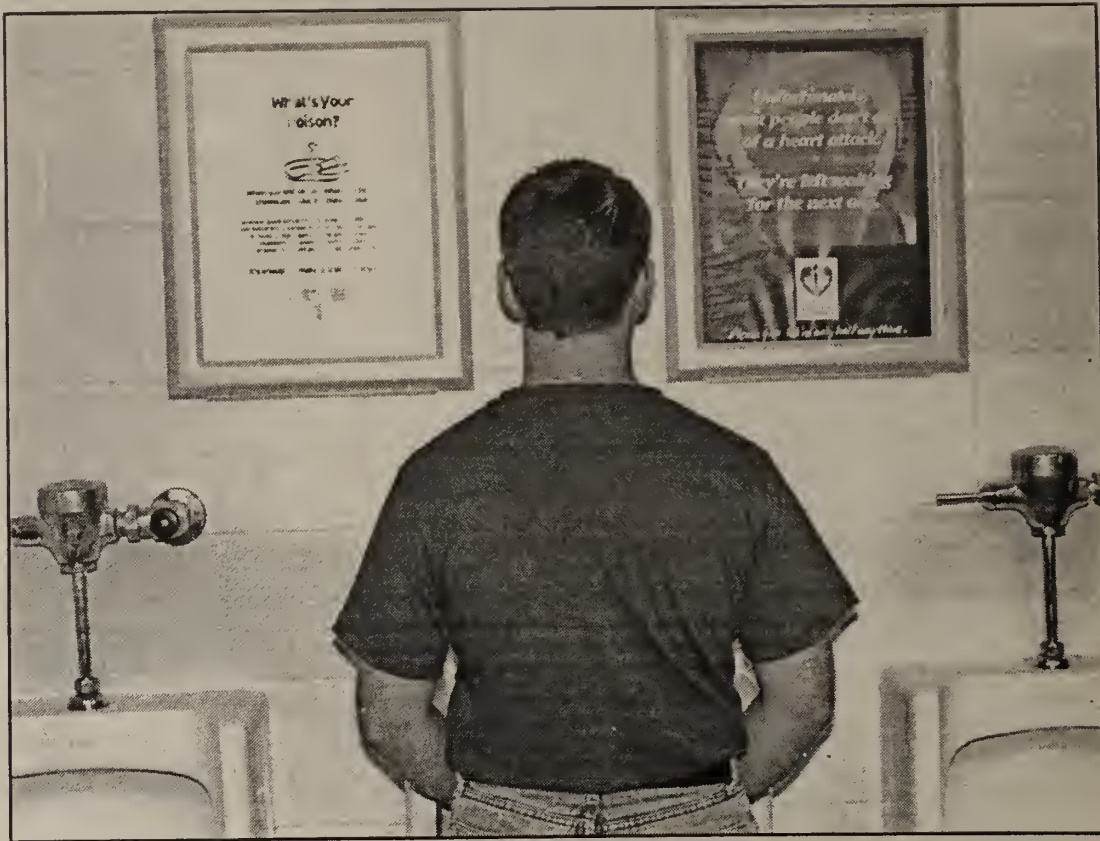
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Can students benefit from increased advertising on campus?

By Ross Bragg

In October of last year, Conestoga College expanded a two-year deal with the Quebec-based marketing company Zoom Media to include steel frames for advertisements in campus washrooms.

The marketing company, started six years ago by two university business students, already had a deal that put a few of the framed advertisements inside the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

At that time, Barry Milner, the college's manager of physical resources, said the college had the potential of earning about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year with the expanded contract.

This year, Golden Triangle On Line, a Kitchener internet company, made a deal with college administration to include a flyer in the registration packages along with a deal to set up a sales booth in the cafeteria.

Representatives from Clegg Campus Marketing can be seen in



Jennifer Wilkins of Clegg Campus Marketing passes out coupons to Sheareda Zamaluddin, accounting year 2. (Photos by Ross Bragg)

the cafeteria passing out Grab It, a multi-colored packet of coupons advertising products ranging from pizzas to credit cards.

And, as with every other September, security staff are

catching people putting flyers on cars in the parking lots and posting bills on campus.

Does this increase in on-campus advertising mean we are no longer starving students in the eyes of advertisers?

Yes and no, said Melody Rholler, an advertising salesperson for Clegg Campus Marketing.

Using the example of credit cards and car

companies advertising in Grab It, Rholler said, "They are not making a lot of money off students. It is more of a long term investment — build up company loyalty that sort of thing."

Not only are businesses and marketing companies seeing students as a potential market, colleges and universities are more frequently looking toward advertisers in an effort to offset operating costs.

"A lot of colleges and universities that never accepted advertising before are opening up to us," said Rholler. "I think they might be looking for new sources of funding."

She said, for example, many colleges are placing ads in their registration books to presumably offset the cost of printing.

The same growing openness to advertising seems to be a growing trend among student associations. The DSA, for example, is actively seeking out advertisers to offset their operating costs. "In the past, these people came to us," said Becky Boertien, director of student life, "Now we are trying to seek them out."

Boertien said advertisers will pay \$190 to place a flyer in one of the 4,500 orientation packages that go out to students in September.

She said the DSA also makes money on other endeavors, including two per cent of sales on a new phone-card vending machine, and three cents for every issue of Campus Canada (a free newspaper with student-directed advertising) they give out.

The DSA also makes money with companies who wish to set up booths in the Sanctuary. "We and physical resources have an agreed rate of \$70 dollars a day for people wishing to set up a booth to sell to students," said Boertien.

Just because we may see more advertising on campus, don't expect tuition rates or your DSA student activity fees to go down.

Boertien said it takes people and resources to stuff envelopes and look after vending machines.

Similarly, Milner said last year that the small commission charged to Clegg Campus Marketing did not cover the cost to pay staff members to clean up flyers and coupons.

As well, there is nothing to suggest that money made from advertising directly to students will directly affect the amount students are paying to attend the college, or affect the quality of their specific programs.

At Spoke, for example, money made from advertising does not go directly toward offsetting the cost of producing Spoke. Instead, the money goes to the college administration which allots money for the journalism program.

On-campus advertising is sometimes justified more in terms of providing a service to students and less in terms of bringing in revenue.

Laura Eaglesham, financial services, gave the example of Kitchener Transit, which is allowed to sell tickets to students on campus.

She also said the decision to allow Golden Triangle to place a flyer in the registration packages was partly based on the view of physical resources and financial services that the internet company was a service to students.

Just because we don't see on-campus advertising directly affecting the cost or quality of our programs now, it doesn't mean we won't in the future.

In years to come we may be asking ourselves questions like: Would you want ads in textbooks if the textbooks were cheaper? Would you want flyers on your windshield and posters on buildings if parking on campus was cheaper? And would you want commercials for screen savers if it meant a reduced technology fee?



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Marc Lang, a second-year robotics student, lines up a shot while playing air hockey in the Sanctuary Sept. 11.
(Photo by Matt Harris)

Charities receive computers

By Sarah Smith

Several second-hand computers were donated to various K-W charities by the Conestoga business students association Sept. 9.

Fifteen 386 computers became available when the association upgraded its labs to Pentium 200 MMX computers and decided to donate the older computers to seven local charities.

"Our slowest computer is one of their best," said Jessica Wedge, communications coordinator with the Conestoga business students association.

House of Friendship, Big Brothers Association, Regional Addictions Counselling, Learning Disabilities Association, Portage, K-W Access-Ability and the Universidad de Oriente Santiago de Cuba are the charities that received the machines.

Lia Charnicovsky, president of the Conestoga business students association, said the charities were chosen from a list provided by the United Way.

"I think it's a great idea to help the community," she said. "A charity helping another charity."

Charnicovsky said the business computer labs are updated every four years, so she hopes to repeat the donation process again then.

"It was very well received," she said. "It was widely accepted. We were really excited about it."

George Potter, case worker and counsellor with Big Brothers, said the computers would be helpful for his program.

"They're great for kids at school," he said. "We take advantage of these donations because a lot of kids we deal with wouldn't be able to afford computers."

The Conestoga business students association is a not-for-profit organization which includes all business students at the college.

The association raises money to assist business students and will be holding its next fundraising Biz Bash on Oct. 2 at Stages Nightclub in Kitchener.



Lia Charnicovsky (left), president of the Conestoga business students association, hands a computer drive over to Charlotte Buchan of the Learning Disability Association Sept. 9.

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Peer health seminars available

By Becky Little

Social services and health sciences have combined efforts to bring peer health education to Conestoga College's Doon campus.

Semester five nursing students will be conducting seminars in the Sanctuary every month until February, said Myrna Nicholas, peer services administrator.

The seminars will be from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

She said variations of this type of program has been introduced at other colleges with some success but it is the first time peer health education has been attempted at Doon campus. Nicholas said she is excited about it.

The seminars will be from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Students can bring their lunch and are encouraged to ask questions.

Nicholas said anyone who does not feel comfortable asking questions at the seminar can drop off written questions in the Doon Student Association office for a reply.

Seminars will be videotaped the day before so students who have missed it will be able to view it in the learning

resource centre.

The first seminar will be Sept. 24 in the Sanctuary. The seminars, usually conducted by pairs of students, will also be available at residence in the evening.

Nicholas said the seminars are a good idea because the general student body gets to learn something and the nursing students get a community service credit.

Nicholas said she conducted a survey asking what students would be interested in learning. She received roughly 200 responses, which she said is more than a lot of surveys taken at the college.

She said it is encouraging to get a response that shows students are interested in learning about things that affect them on a personal level.

Nicholas said she compiled a list of the six most requested topics from the survey and those will be the topics of the seminars.

Some of the topics being presented are healthy eating, healthy lifestyles, sleep deprivation and safe sex.

Nicholas said it would mean more to hear information from a student because it wouldn't be the opinion of one expert, but facts learned by students being passed on to students.

Nicholas said there will be advertisements on the Monday of the week of the seminar to make sure people know when it is happening.

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New applied arts administrator plans changes for programs



Pat St. John, the new applied arts administrator, takes a break outside Door 5.
(Photo by Natalie Schneider)

By Natalie Schneider

Most of us aren't quite sure what we want to be when we grow up. As children we might dream of being super heroes or magic sorcerers. Hopefully, by the time we reach our high school or college years we realize what career we want to pursue. Yet some of us are never quite sure. For Pat St. John, the new administrator for the applied arts program at Conestoga College, it was a different case.

He said he knew he wanted to be in broadcasting while he was in high school. He started DJing as a disc jockey and performing stand-up comedy at various functions with a close friend.

"We did whatever it was to entertain," said St. John. "Even in high school, we had some fun and a flare for it."

After working in broadcasting

for over 25 years, St. John decided to join the faculty at Conestoga College. He said the timing was perfect. He said he had achieved all the goals he set out for himself over the last five years as the regional director and vice-president for Power Broadcasting in Guelph.

With his position at the college, St. John said he has a whole new set of challenges to conquer. He said he hopes to take the core curriculum from the three applied arts programs and merge them to develop a new school of communications and media studies. The new program could involve introducing new programs, stronger partnerships among the three programs, revised content and continuing education courses in communications, said St. John.

Already, the college has taken the initiative to improve the pro-

grams by ordering new equipment for the students. Some supplies are 32 computers for graphic arts, a digital platform with three terminals for radio, cameras for television and computers plus a scanner for the journalism department.

"The three applied arts programs are very close in today's media, so if we can pull all the strengths together we'll have a very powerful overall program," said St. John.

"There are many ways the different programs can help each other and the students prepare themselves for what's going to happen in the next four years. We'd like to take advantage of that."

St. John said he has travelled all across Canada working for and programming radio stations from Halifax to Vancouver. Born and raised in Brantford, Ont., St. John started volunteering at the local radio station and wrote freelance

for the Brantford Expositor. While at Mohawk College for radio and television, he volunteered at several radio stations, which eventually landed him a full-time job with CHAM, a local radio station in Hamilton.

Later on in his broadcasting career St. John was an on-air personality at CHUM in Toronto, with high school buddy, Roger Ashby.

Broadcasting wasn't an easy career to get into, said St. John, because everyone wanted to get into the business. Volunteering and learning many aspects of the job helped him enter the field.

"I think the most important thing is to create value in yourself and employers see very quickly that you can help them," said St. John. "I could write, produce, report; I could do all these jobs and I became very valuable to them."

Co-manager new at Rodeway Suites

By Matt Harris

There is a new sheriff at Rodeway Suites.

To be more specific, Lori Malone is the new co-sheriff of Conestoga's student residence.

Malone, a recent graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University's business administration program, joins Paul Holowaty and Jason Buick in

"I know that there is a difference between being a student and being one of the gang."

Lori Malone, co-manager of Rodeway Suites

the day-to-day operations of the student residence after having worked there last summer as a desk clerk.

"I wanted to put my degree to good use," Malone said. "And the college has a good set-up with the hotel."

So far this year, she has been taking her time getting used to her new position as well as meeting the new students.

"I think living in residence is a good idea for students because it eases the adjustment of a new setting," she said. "I'm still getting to know them, and I hope it makes the year go easier."

One of her first tasks will be to assist Holowaty and Buick with the "zone challenges", a program new to the residence this year designed to promote building spirit.

"Just being done school, I think that helps me relate to some of the situations I encounter," she said. "But I know that there is a difference between being a student and being one of the gang."

Also new in the residence . . .

"Zone challenges" are being introduced to the student residence this year.

Co-manager Paul Holowaty said the main idea behind the program was to promote a sense of community at the residence.

"We have 232 students living here this year," Holowaty said. "This gives them a chance to get



Lori Malone is the new Rodeway Suites co-manager.
(Photo by Matt Harris)

to know one another away from the classroom."

Rodeway Suites has been divided into 12 "zones", with each electing a leader. A points system has been established: each zone earns a certain amount of points for planning group events and are awarded points for the number of students who participate, he said. There are prizes to be won by the floor who finishes with the most points.

According to co-manager Jason Buick, trips to local restaurants have already been organized and various other events, like food collection drives, have been suggested as future activities.

Continuing education offers wide variety of programs

By Natalie Schneider

If you're thinking of broadening your horizons, the new continuing education fall booklet offers a wide variety of programs. A whole smorgasbord of courses have been introduced this year, ranging in subjects from learning the art of speed reading to making homemade bagels.

This semester a total of 1,027 courses are running, 87 of those being new this year, said David Stewart, director of continuing education. In order to introduce a course into the program a community analysis is done to determine whether there is a need or demand for the course.

"There's no sense going to all the trouble to put together all the courses and get approvals to then find out nobody comes; it's a waste of time then," said Stewart. "So it's very important for us to do our needs analysis up front to determine if there is a need for that particular program."

Continuing education always has a flow of new programs and if previous courses are successful, they continue to run them, said Stewart. But if certain classes are not succeeding after a couple of semesters, then it is pulled from the program and

something new is offered. For a program to continue, there must be at least 12 students enrolled.

"Of the courses we're putting out now, we want to reduce the number of cancellations because people go away, said Stewart. "I mean if we can't service them, what do they do, go to the competitors?"

To prevent cancellations, the program directors at continuing education have been negotiating with the teachers to see if they would be willing to teach a class with enrollments under 12 students. Their experience to date has been very positive, teachers have been wonderful in terms of agreeing to teach smaller classes, said Stewart.

"The majority of students enrolled in continuing education courses are females between the ages of 35 and 44," said Stewart.

"A lot of them are upgrading skills because they either want to climb the ladder within their organizations, or they see a job opportunity to move to other jobs, if they get these credentials," said Stewart.

"We don't have as many males. I've got to work on that," Stewart said. "It's my mission in life to find out why the males aren't coming and try to offer them programs that would appeal to them."

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LASA coordinator set to call it a career

By Barbara Ateljevic

The law and security administration's program's coordinator, Bob Hays, will be retiring next spring after being in the head position for 25 years.

Hays, who has been teaching mainly law courses at Conestoga for almost 30 years, started just months after the college first opened and said he has found it very satisfying and exciting.

Hays had previously worked as a lawyer and joined Conestoga at the request of the college's first president, Jim Church, in September 1968.

"The most satisfying part of it for me is working with students. It's been my favorite thing to do," Hays said. "I really enjoy to be able to assist a student to become a learner, mainly in the field of law."

Hays said he thinks the program suits his personality because it is constantly growing and changing. He said he has given the program his skills, knowledge and hopefully his enthusiasm. "Some people even think I'm funny," he added with a laugh.

He said he learned his teaching approach at Dalhousie law school in Halifax. His system of teaching was developed to vocate, interpret and apply law, he said.

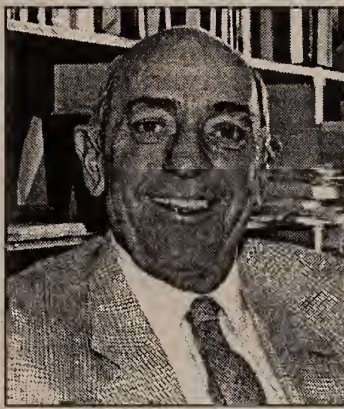
Lack of confidence is the biggest problem in students, Hays said. He said he likes to be able to tell students that they can succeed and that they are all valuable people. In the beginning years of the program, Hays said, people didn't think very much of themselves. The students had low self-esteem and their literacy level was low.

"That's one of the things that really upsets me and makes me do something about it," Hays said. "A lot of people were putting others down. In the middle of teaching law, I'm also encouraging people — that's what's called teaching."

"It was very exciting to be a part of the beginning of the college and we were going to do some pretty remarkable things which I think we did over the years," he said.

Hays calls community colleges the second miracle of education in Ontario, the first being public schools. Before community colleges, people were unable to get an education beyond high school, he said. When they opened, however, these same people were able to come to college and were met with some very dedicated teachers, he said.

"I think we responded to a group of people who, in those days, were very confused. It was the 60s and the whole values system was up in



LASA coordinator Bob Hays is retiring after 30 years at Conestoga.

(Photo by Barbara Ateljevic)

the air. But the miracle was that within two years, there was a 95 per cent job placement for people who were having difficulty getting jobs."

Currently, LASA generates over 1,000 applications a year and accepts 150 people, compared to 20 people in the early days. But while this is a success for the program, Hays said it also bothers him that the classes are so large. He said it is difficult to get one-on-one contact with students as they did in the beginning of the course, although he does try.

When Hays began teaching, he

taught a civil rights class that he said was a popular topic in the '60s. In between that and his other law courses, he also did for several years what he calls his travelling road show. He went around to different programs like early childhood education and social services and taught family law to them for about a month.

"That was very interesting because I got to see students in other programs," Hays said. "I was always amazed to see that each program had its own personality."

The most memorable experiences for Hays are when former students visit and thank him for the skills he has taught them.

"The thing that surprises me the most are the ones who come back and say, I appreciate your support and guidance, and I ask 'what about the law?' and they'll say, 'oh, yeah, that too'."

The reason most students take LASA, Hays said, is so they can get a job when they graduate. At the beginning of the program, Hays called in hiring agencies in law enforcement-related areas, such as the police, security and private investigators.

Along with other professors, they set out the criteria to be taught in the program, which

includes human relations and knowledge of skills. Hays said there has been a constant flow of information back and forth as they built, altered and tried to improve the curriculum, and continue to do so.

"I've been a major leader in that. I always think of that as my role for co-ordinator," Hays said. "Sometimes I think I was a bit of a pain in the knee for some because I was constantly coming up with a new idea for how to change something."

Hays' advice to students is to focus on where they want to go and try to feel good about themselves, to look on the positive side of things. He said there is confusion among students but he knows there must be something about it that they like if they continue with it.

"I've spent a lot of time asking students what they want, where is it they want to go. It seems to me that is the crucial question."

Hays will retire next spring but would like to remain active. He said he will continue with some teaching and continuing education courses, as well do volunteer work. He will pursue his interests in yoga and meditation and plans to do some sailing, woodcarving and travelling.

Upcoming banquet features new award

By Barbara Ateljevic

Journalism students are running out of time to submit their stories and photos for this year's banquet which features a new prize of \$3,000 from The Fan (Radio 590).

The \$3,000 prize is for best portfolio consisting of 10 sports features, stories and columns and 10 sports photos.

There are various other awards to win, ranging from \$50 to \$500.

The awards dinner and dance will be held at Golf Steakhouse and Restaurant on Nov. 6. Tickets cost \$17.

Roger Young, faculty of the journalism program and the self-proclaimed 'umbrella person' for

the event, said the program has the awards ceremony to make it a special occasion.

"It's to make it a little more significant than saying to someone, 'well guess what, you won this award'". To get it at a banquet is a little more special than just meeting them in the hallway."

The awards presentation will be changed this year. Young said in the past couple of years, the presentations seemed to be getting longer and longer. It will be shortened and people from the media will be presenting the awards, Young said.

"We're working on a guest speaker but we haven't got a con-

fimation back yet," said Young. "We're looking for someone hopefully from Fan radio."

The awards are for journalism students who submit entries and who have been enrolled in the program since Feb. 1, 1997. The Andy Dugan Memorial award is for students enrolled since September 1996.

Winners will be decided by outside media, except for the faculty award which goes to the student with the best academic record.

There will be 150 tickets available for journalism students and their guests. Young said usually 100 to 115 are sold.

"Journalism students should come out and participate, especial-

ly the first-semester people, because next year most of the awards will be centred around them," Young said.

"Participation this year lets us know that students are involved. First-semester students have nothing to submit but it gives them a chance to meet some of the other people and have a bit of fun."

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New instructor says teaching is invigorating

By Rebecca Eby

It's exciting, it's invigorating, it's teaching, according to Michael Dale.

"I like being around young people. I like the freshness, the ideas," he said.

Dale, 44, is the new instructor of politics and history in the journalism program at Conestoga College.

"Teaching is one of those jobs where you can make money doing something you love," he said. "Who could ask for more out of life?"

But Dale said the classroom wasn't such an enjoyable place for him in 1967.

"I liked grade 9 so much I went back and did it again," he said.

Two-thirds through grade 10, he left high school.

Then, in 1973, he married his wife Darlene and eventually decided to return to the classroom.

He applied to the University of Waterloo as a mature student in 1989.

After finishing his political science bachelor of arts in 1995, he became a teaching assistant at the university and produced and defended his thesis about defining the self.

Dale will convocate with his masters of political science on Oct. 25, 1997.

Entering the work world with a degree, Dale took the advice given by his professor of an undergraduate course on the Canadian North.

"Robbie Keith told me, 'Don't look for a job. Look for work, and find someone who will pay you to do it,'" said Dale.

Three days before this fall term, college administration told Dale they were willing to pay him to teach issues and world affairs, political structures and issues and essentials of Canadian history.

He replaces Darren Gibb who moved to Ottawa after getting married.

Dale said teaching at the college is different than being an assistant at UW because he doesn't have a professor to back him up if he doesn't understand something or something doesn't work out in the classroom.

But his teaching style remains mostly unchanged.

"I like it to become a dialogue in the classroom," he said.

"Students learn as much from others as they do from the instructor.

"Sometimes they come up with ideas that I honestly hadn't thought of."

He said his views on teaching come mostly from the professors he studied under and worked with, especially John Wilson.

Dale said Wilson most influenced him by his humor, ease with students and appreciation of an anecdote to illuminate ideas.

"John and I get along," he said. "We're just two fat, balding men."

Being a part-time instructor at the college, Dale supplements his time and income by writing opinion pieces for his home-town newspaper, the Stratford Beacon Herald, a post he began after finishing his BA.

In the summer of 1996 and the spring of 1997, he co-authored and authored briefs which were presented to legislative committees.

Dale said he intends to continue writing at least until he completes a larger work.

"A Nobel Prize for literature would be nice," he said, suggesting Surviving Mike Harris' Ontario as the title of a great

Canadian novel.

When not teaching or writing, Dale involves himself in Amnesty International, the literacy program at the Stratford library, walking, taking photographs or shooting pool.

And it doesn't look like he's going to pull out of community involvement any time soon.

Though he has turned down being nominated as an NDP candidate in the last federal and upcoming provincial elections, he is running for Stratford city council.

"Municipal politics still gives you that flexibility and opportunity to promote your own



Michael Dale teaches his issues and world affairs class Sept. 9. (Photo by Rebecca Eby)

ideas," he said.

"For (the registration fee of) \$100, I'll throw my hat in the ring."

Used books outdated

By Greg Bisch

The majority of books for sale at the annual Doon Student Association (DSA) used-book sale this year did not get sold registration week because they were outdated, said the DSA vice-president of operations.

"The majority this year have changed," said Johanna Stevens. "Out of a thousand, I would say about 700 had changed. The biggest seller this year was a marketing book because it was the same this year. It sold out in a couple of hours."

However, Stevens said, she still believes the book sale is worth the effort if some students can get their items cheaper. She

got three of her books at a lower price than the bookstore.

The process of the sale starts by students bringing in their used books to the DSA and telling them what price they wish to sell them for. One problem with people selling their texts is that the higher the price, the less likely it is the books will sell.

In fact, Stevens said, she advised students who wish to sell books in the future to set low prices so their peers, who may be short on funds, will pay.

The busiest day for the sale was on Monday, Aug. 25, when there was a 30 minute line up, said Stevens. "Things at times can get frustrating, but it is fun."

Temporary teacher says he enjoys his classes

By Jamie Yates

A new school year not only brings new students to Conestoga College, it also brings new faculty members.

David Kinley, who started teaching at the college in the spring, has temporarily taken over classes for Jean Smelski, a business communications teacher who broke her ankle over the summer break.

Kinley, who lives in Cambridge, will teach Smelski's classes full-time in the fall semester. Kinley currently teaches five first-year business communications classes for Smelski. He also teaches one class of business communications at night, which is not part of Smelski's schedule.

Kinley said he was informed he would temporarily replace Smelski about two weeks before classes started. He said he originally was to teach part-time at night and nine hours during the day, but was given Smelski's schedule instead. Before the fall semester, Kinley taught business communications at night during the spring and summer.

Kinley said he has not changed Smelski's teaching curriculum, but said some aspects of the class may



David Kinley, college business communications teacher. (Photo by Jamie Yates)

have changed slightly.

"With a different instructor the style changes," he said. "But I am following her test and assignment schedule."

Kinley said he enjoys teaching Smelski's classes.

"The students have so much energy and enthusiasm," he said. "It's lots of fun."

Before teaching at Conestoga, Kinley taught at Mohawk College in Hamilton for 11 years. Ten years were full-time and one year was part-time. He said he taught a

variety of courses at Mohawk including business communications, for six years; writing, to media students and literature.

There are about 25 to 30 students in each business class he teaches, said Kinley.

"Jean's classes are manageable," said Kinley. "The class sizes at Conestoga are more personal than at Mohawk," he said. "It's really nice."

The classes he taught at Mohawk were generally 40 to 45 students, said Kinley.

Kinley, who has been teaching for 11 years, said the part of teaching he likes the most is the students.

"I like being in the class and working with the students," said Kinley. "The only thing I dislike is extensive marking."

Kinley, who took literature and history at the University of Western Ontario, has taught other courses during his teaching career including interpersonal communications, report writing and grammar.

Smelski is scheduled to return to Conestoga in January. Kinley said he doesn't know where he'll be teaching in January, but hopes to remain at Conestoga.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Big Sugar sweetens the first week of school

By Hunter Malcolm

Big Sugar's Sept. 10 debut performance at Conestoga College, in the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, gave students some sweet relief from the hectic first week of the class routine.

With 1,000 tickets available and in anticipation of a crowd of roughly 700, 35 security personnel were on hand to ensure that no one had more than their fair share of concert fun.

The seeming abundance of secu-

rity was made more apparent by the relatively small crowd of 468. However, according to Doon Student Association entertainment manager Steve Harris, the people who did show up were enthusiastic enough to empty the available beer kegs.

Although the attendance was less than hoped for, Harris said he was pleased with the way the concert went off.

"Everyone who came out seemed to have a really good time, and there were no major problems," he said.

Australia's Powderfinger opened the show with an almost hour-long performance of songs from their first album released in Canada, *Double Allergic*.

The five-piece band dished out a slightly heavy, groove-oriented style which has earned them significant popularity in their homeland.

Big Sugar, whose frontman Gordie Johnson said he never heads into a concert with a set list of songs, took the stage at about 11 p.m., and got things rolling into high gear right off the bat with their current single Open Up Baby.

After a few more tunes, including their other hit Diggin' A Hole, Johnson discouraged moshers in front of the stage.

"No one came up here to be kicked in the side of the head," he said.

With that said, the band dove into their popular cover of Traffic's Dear Mr. Fantasy.

Ploughing their way through more of their repertoire, with songs such as Gone for Good, If I Had My Way, and I'm a Ram, Big Sugar played non-stop for almost two hours.

A three-song encore was highlighted by Ride Like Hell which twisted into a rendition of Jimi Hendrix's song Foxy Lady.

Steve Harris said what makes a band like Big Sugar special is their great presence on stage.

"Each of the band members contribute their own unique style to any show they put on. They're really able to hold the attention of the crowd," he said.

Staying true to their reputation, Big Sugar delivered their tunes at maximum volume.

The band's merchandise booth considerably sold earplugs for the audience's safety and comfort.

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Gordie Johnson leans into a guitar riff at the Sept. 10 concert in the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre. (Photo by Hunter Malcolm)

Gordie Johnson steers Big Sugar down the road

By Hunter Malcolm
Ian S. Palmer

As the lead singer and founding member of a band that has only in the last year reached popular acclaim, Gordie Johnson of Big Sugar knows well the trials of the rock and roll road.

Johnson said that developing the band has been a long process.

"We weren't just four guys coming out of high school together who held romantic notions of becoming rock stars. We're all professionals from various backgrounds who together have developed a particular style. That's what rock and roll is all about — bringing in different styles to make a whole new sound," Johnson said.

Big Sugar's current lineup is the culmination of a long list of former members who have come and gone.

"I'm thrilled with who we've got right now. It takes some good chemistry between people to be able to endure life together on the road, living on a bus.

"In the past there were some guys who just couldn't cut it and it sometimes turned violent," he said. "You really need a sense of humor living like that."

Johnson said that their new popularity has not afforded them any new creative freedom either.

"It doesn't hamper the creativity but there's more at stake now. There's a bigger committee now who want to know what were up to and where were headed."

The band is currently putting together material for a new album which they hope will be out around spring, but in the meantime their relentless touring continues.

"It's going well and I don't see any end to the touring in sight. I'll get about 10 days off at some point where I'll go out west and drive my cars around and spend some time in the studio but that's about it," he said.

Harris noted a few instances, though, when the vocals seemed to lose out to the searing grind of the instruments.

"It was likely an imbalance on the sound board, and besides, a lot of people prefer guitar riffs to song lyrics. It was a rock show not the theatre," he said.

Harris said although he consid-

ered the concert a success, he would have liked to have seen more students come out to the event.

"We all pay into the student activity fees, so why not take advantage of it. The \$10 ticket price was a great value for the almost three hours of solid entertainment that was there," he said.

Before the show, Johnson said although playing before a sold-out house is exciting, it's rewarding enough to see anyone having a good time to their tunes.

"If there's just one guy out there yelling out, 'Play Ride Like Hell, man', or just singing along, then I'm happy," he said. "That's what it's all about for me."

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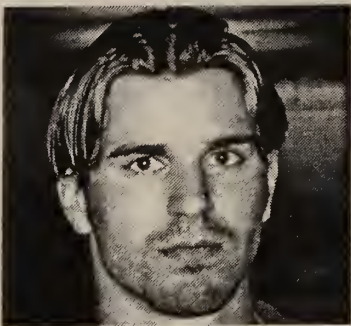
SPORTS FEATURE

Leafs' training camp

Cambridge native trying to turn new Leaf

By Ian S. Palmer

When Greg Bullock pulls the blue and white hockey sweater over his head, he wears it with pride and determination.



Greg Bullock

The 24-year-old Cambridge native is proud of what he has accomplished so far in his career, but he is also determined to see the St. John's Maple Leaf crest on the jersey traded in for a Toronto Maple Leaf. Bullock is one of 75 players trying to crack the Toronto lineup this season at the Leafs' training camp in Kitchener.

Bullock, who attended Glenview high school, played minor and junior B hockey in Cambridge before being traded to the Kitchener Dutchmen during his last junior season. After his play-

ing days as a junior were over he travelled to the University of Massachusetts (UMASS) on a scholarship where he led the league in scoring during his two seasons there.

Following college he signed with the San Francisco Spiders of the International Hockey League, (IHL) racking up 47 points in his rookie professional year. Bullock, who was never drafted by an NHL club, said he wasn't pleased with the limited ice time he received in his rookie year but realized he had to pay his dues.

"I was fortunate to have teams from both the IHL and the American Hockey League (AHL) show interest in me and I decided on San Francisco. I learned a lot about professional hockey there as the game is so much faster than the college level. The players are much stronger and play a smarter game. I was the new kid on the block so I couldn't expect to be playing all of the time."

He said the Leafs' assistant general manager Bill Watters then approached him and he decided to sign a one-year contract with the St. John's Maple Leafs of the AHL. The centre/left winger had a productive season with the Leafs last year, scoring 21 goals and

adding 52 assists for 73 points in 75 games, while serving 65 minutes in penalties. He was the Leafs' second leading scorer behind Brian Wiseman.

Bullock said he prefers playing centre but also enjoyed his time playing on Wiseman's wing, whom he called a creative and skilled player. Bullock said he wasn't disappointed in not being called up by Toronto last year while players with less points were. "I tried not to think about it. I just concentrated on my job in St. John's. It's really a case of letting the chips fall where they may."

Bullock, who stands 5ft 11in and considers himself a playmaker rather than a scorer, said he is trying to improve on the physical aspect of his game. "I'd like to get

stronger physically and a little heavier."

He has dealt with drawbacks during his career. While growing up people told him he would never make it as a professional hockey player.

"All my life people told me I was too slow and small but I just tried not to think about it."

Bullock also had to overcome injury problems during his days with the junior B Cambridge Winterhawks.

"I missed almost two

whole seasons while playing down in Cambridge with groin problems and I thought I might just get lost in the shuffle because I was only 16 years old.

One year I played in only six games and then the next season eight." However, he was scouted by UMASS while playing for the

Dutchmen, and the college offered to pay his tuition.

"College hockey was quite different than junior whereas the age of junior players ranged from 14-21 and the college players were between 20 and 24. The college game is much faster because the centre red line isn't used. The season was only 36 games long so the practices and games were much more intense." This is Bullock's second Leaf camp but he said he feels no added pressure because it is located close to home.

"I'm more comfortable this year because I know more people and I'm a bit more confident. My sister and mother will probably be coming down to watch some of the practices. It's also nice to be able to take the guys out because I know the town."

As a lifelong Toronto Maple Leafs fan he realizes he is close to a boyhood dream come true but is also realistic about his chances of opening the season with the parent club.

"I'm trying to improve myself every day. You just have to put you're mind to it and remind yourself to give it all you've got because there is only so much time and opportunity to make it in this game."

Leafs blow into Kitchener

Seventy-five hopefuls attend training camp

By Ian S. Palmer

After a day of medicals, the Toronto Maple Leafs officially opened their 1997-98 season by holding the first portion of training camp Sept. 10 to 18 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

There are 75 players at this year's camp, which is divided into two groups. The A group consists of 40 players considered by management to have the most realistic shot at landing a spot with the team, while the B group is made up of players who will likely be ticketed to the Leafs' farm team in St. John's, Nfld., or returned to their junior teams.

The Leafs, trying to improve on last season's disastrous 30-44-8 record, made numerous changes during the summer, including naming former Montreal goaltender Ken Dryden as club president.

Dryden searched high and low to find a qualified replacement for ousted general manager Cliff Fletcher. However, he had no luck in signing Bob Gainey from Dallas or David Poile from Washington so he decided to form a management committee which includes himself, last year's assistant GM Bill Watters, former Winnipeg GM Mike

Smith and the Leafs' European scout Anders Hedberg.

The Leafs bolstered their lineup by signing free agent forwards Derek King (Hartford), Mike Kennedy (Dallas), Kris King (Phoenix) and goalie Glenn Healy from the New York Rangers.

They also traded for defenceman Per Gustafsson from Florida and invited Igor Korolev from Phoenix to try out. Winger Mike Craig was released after three unproductive seasons in Toronto.

Mike Murphy returns as head coach, assisted by Mike Kitchen, Terry Simpson and goalie coach Rick Wamsley. Murphy instructed his players not to fight during last year's camp but says he wants the players to react to situations naturally this year, and if that includes fighting so be it.

The first five days of camp were relatively non-physical with only a couple of minor skirmishes in the B pool. However, the pace of the practices and scrimmages picked up noticeably from day to day.

Murphy said he is counting on big seasons from veterans Mats Sundin, Wendel Clark, Derek King, Mathieu Schneider and goaltender Felix Potvin. He also said the team needs Russian

winger Sergei Berezin to improve on last year's total of 27 goals, which was a league high for rookies.

According to Murphy the Leafs have enough toughness this season with Tie Domi, Kris King, Nick Kypreos and Kelly Chase in the lineup. However, Kypreos received a concussion during a fight with Ryan Vandenbusche at Madison Square Garden in the Leafs 3-2 loss on Sept. 15. Kypreos is expected to be out of action for about 10 days.

Former junior scoring sensations Mark Deyell, Aaron Brand and Alyn McCauley are also fighting for jobs along with players such as Zdenek Nedved, Dimitri Yuskevich, Brandon Convery and Jamie Baker, who appear to be in a "make or break" position with the club.

The Leafs also suffered a setback when Russian defenceman Daniil Markov, a bright spot in camp, suffered a knee injury during the team's first exhibition game, a 5-5 tie in Montreal, Sept. 13. It is predicted Markov will be out for about a month.

The Leafs lost a rematch 2-1 against the Habs with 40 seconds remaining in overtime on Sept. 16 at Maple Leaf Gardens. The team opens the season Oct. 1.



Mats Sundin finds something to smile about during a workout at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.



ABOVE — Marcel Cousineau makes a save on Joseph Craigen (80) while Rob Zettler (2), and Yannick Tremblay try to clear out an unidentified player.

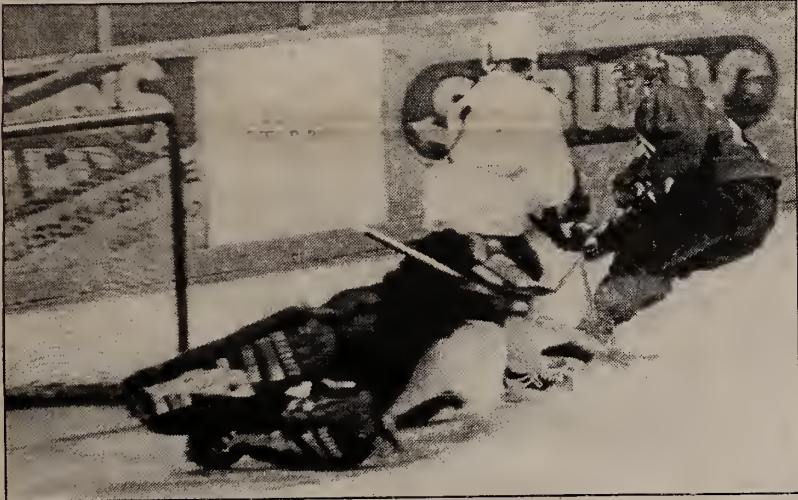
ABOVE RIGHT — Goaltender Glenn Healy stretches to make a save on Kevyn Adams.

BELOW RIGHT — Mats Sundin deflects the puck past Marcel Cousineau.



Photos by
Ian S. Palmer

Action at the Aud



ABOVE — Marcel Cousineau and Rob Zettler fend off an attacking player.

RIGHT — Nick Kypreos (left) and Zdenek Neved get their sticks up during a scrimmage.

BELOW RIGHT — Felix Potvin attempts to clear the puck.



BELOW MIDDLE — Jason Podollan (73) and Kelly Chase get ready to rumble as Brandon Convery seems unconcerned in the background.

BELOW — Two players fight it out for a spot on the roster.



LIFESTYLES

Students camp out at Roost

By Casey Johnson

As the sun crept up in the sky and morning dew settled on the grey canvas tents pitched against the forest green on the southwest end of the campus, the overnight campers from the Doon Student Association's (DSA) first autumn camp out began to rise from their overnight adventure.

Consisting of mainly first year students, almost 20 campers risked the chance of rain showers and masses of mosquitoes on the Sept. 11 camp out to prove themselves true adventurers.

"The event was the second camp out for the DSA, but this was the first to take place in warmer weather," said Thomas Muller, the DSA's education and communications coordinator.

The whole idea behind the campout was for the students to have fun and meet other students, he said.

"I made some new friends and ran into some old friends," said Derek Pescod, a first-year computer programmer analyst (CPA) student. "I had a lot of fun."

The campers rallied by the tents, ate leftover cake in the student lounge, and then proceeded to the Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre where they indulged in games of badminton and basketball.

DSA vice-president of student

affairs Gerry Cleaves, who blamed his missed shot on Spoke reporter Rita Fatila's camera flash, was part of the skins versus shirts basketball game, which lasted until 9:30 p.m.

The campers then progressed to the centre's Condor Roost for a little "baseball" — well, for pitchers anyway.

Entertainment flared at the Roost as the campers gathered at tables to view Howard Stern's *Private Parts*.

By 10:45 p.m., the Roost was rocking. Campers, donned in their camping attire, were socializing, playing pool, indulging in comedy skits and quenching their thirst.

"I came out to meet new people," said Chris Garstin, a first-year CPA student. "This is great."

After the campers left the Roost, a campfire was lit beside the tents and Bryan Bambrick, a second-year management studies student and member of the DSA, serenaded the campers with his acoustic guitar.

The party lasted until about 4 a.m., said Cleaves. Everything went off without a hitch, he said.

Among the campers were: Tara Llanes, second-year management studies; Dave White, second-year marketing; Sarah Thomson, first-year journalism; Mandy Richardson, first-year social services; Daniel Bell, first-year stu-



Thomas Muller, DSA education and communications coordinator, puts together a tent at the DSA camp out Sept. 11.

(Photo by Rita Fatila)

dent; Melissa Graff, first-year Hunter, first-year CPA; and J.T. materials management; Sean Kennedy, first-year CPA.

Sue Johanson has the know-how

By Rita Fatila

When Sue Johanson talks about sex education failures, she frequently uses the word "we."

But the veteran lecturer has made it her mission to correct the misinformation many schools and parents give young people about sex.

"I was taught if a guy touched you you'd have a handprint on your breast for the rest of your life," Johanson said.

While running a birth control clinic for young people in the 1970s, Johanson said she found sexual ignorance hadn't gone away.

"I realized these kids are all having sex and don't have a clue about what they're doing."

Johanson began travelling as a speaker in 1980. She said her visits are welcomed by schools and especially teachers who want to talk about sex.

"Teachers want to but they don't have the support of the principal and the board of education. They feel if they talk about homosexuality the sky will fall in. But I'm in there like a dirty shirt."

Johanson's seminar also seems to be a favorite of the Doon Student Association, who have had her speak at Conestoga three years in a row.

"She keeps the attention of the audience," said Steve Harris, DSA entertainment manager. "You never know what she's going to do next."

Johanson said her seminars are also welcomed by parents.

"They want to talk to their kids. They are afraid for them and yet mom finds it difficult. It's easier to hand you a book and say 'read this' and hope to God you do."

Although in her seminar Johanson admits mistakes she's made with her children, she says her grandchildren are extremely well-informed about sex.

"When I would get children's books dealing with sex education I would give it to them to see what they thought."

Johanson has written three books of her own, *Talk Sex*, *Sex Is Perfectly Natural but Not Naturally Perfect* and *Sex, Sex and More Sex*.

The Sunday Night Sex Show, which she hosts, is a call-in show on the Women's Television Network Sundays nights at 10:30 p.m.

The program also airs on Toronto radio station AM640 and Kitchener radio station CKGL (570).

Massage therapist comes to Conestoga

By Alison Shadbolt

Relief from stress and pain is here, said the college's new registered massage therapist.

Shirley Prouty, who is working out of the Doon campus health and safety office, started her once-a-week sessions of chair massage on Sept. 11.

Prouty was not fully booked during her first three-hour time slot, but demand is expected to rise, said Kim Radigan, coordinator of health, safety and environment for Conestoga. She said the appointment times may be increased to twice a week if necessary.

Chair massage involves the client sitting fully clothed in a chair during treatment rather than lying on a table, said Prouty.

It is effective in treating stress, headaches and minor sports injuries, such as pulled muscles and tennis elbow.

"My basic job is to change blood flow," she said. "I either want to bring blood to an area or take it away from an area, which is important because the blood is a transport system. It will bring nutrients and oxygen and things that the muscles need and take away all the toxins and dead cells."

One common problem for patients is the development of trigger points, said Prouty. These are localized spasms within muscles which create painful areas. They are the result of physical or emotional muscle strain and can be released through massage.

The college has been interested in providing massage therapy for



Massage therapist Shirley Prouty demonstrates her chair massage technique on Kim Radigan, coordinator of health, safety and environment, in Conestoga's health and safety office.

(Photo by Alison Shadbolt)

some time, said Radigan, but is unable to accommodate a table for full-body massage in the small health and safety office on the second level of the main building.

"In my mind, that's what I was thinking of as a massage therapist.

I had never heard about this chair massage," said Radigan.

Prouty said a course she was taking in chair massage required her to complete 100 treatments.

Tim Williams, a member of the engineering technology faculty,

arranged for Prouty to conduct the free massages last May in the technology staff lounge.

"I was booked solid each time that I came," said Prouty. "It seemed to be very well-received."

Radigan and nurse Trish Weiler spoke to Prouty about conducting a once-a-week massage-therapy clinic in the health and safety office, said Radigan.

Appointments are 10 to 15 minutes long and involve a short discussion of the patient's history, said Prouty.

The cost is approximately \$1 per minute, depending on the treatments necessary. All billing and receipts are handled by Prouty, said Radigan.

She said the massages have generated particular interest among college employees because of the convenient time and location.

Employee health insurance covers 85 per cent of the cost for massage therapy for up to \$300 per year, said Darcelle Watts of human resources. A doctor's referral is not necessary.

Health insurance for international students does not cover massage therapy, said Karen Vanderkruk, Conestoga's international student advisor.

Others wishing to visit Prouty should check with their insurance companies for coverage and requirements, Radigan said.

Appointments are available on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the health and safety office.

Prouty also has an office in Kitchener where she conducts full-body massages.

SPORTS

Softball

Team loses to Durham but defeats Loyalist

By Corina Hill

The first two games of the season for the women's varsity softball team brought some tough competition from Loyalist and Durham colleges.

On Sept. 12, the Condors lost to Durham 10-2.

The Condors' youth and inexperience showed in the fifth inning when two walks and two errors enabled Durham to score five runs.

Condor pitcher Jill Kuntz held the powerful hitting Durham squad to six hits.

On Sept. 13 the Condors came out on top with a 2-0 victory over Loyalist College.

Consecutive singles in the fifth inning loaded the bases. Kuntz hit into a fielder's choice, allowing Cassy Chilton to score.

Keri Quipp led the Condors at the plate by going three for four. Kuntz allowed four hits, striking out five.

Saenovoravong wins intramural tennis tournament

By Corina Hill

A gruelling final match at the Conestoga intramural tennis tournament saw Chan Saenovoravong defeat Jeremy Gull Sept. 15.

The two fought hard for over an hour until it came down to match point. With the match tied at five games a piece, Saenovoravong started off quickly to lead the game 30-0. Gull fought back to get 30 points. Saenovoravong had two powerful hits to send the ball home to defeat Gull 6-5.

The players were two of 14 players competing in the tournament run by student athletic council (SAC) member Nick White.

Before play began on the courts beside the recreation centre, White looked grim about the weather. "Unfortunately it's not going to be a great day for tennis," he said. "This wind is just going to create havoc."

White played in the first round of the tournament only to lose to Gabor Fejerpotaky. White later said, "Win, lose, it doesn't matter to me."

Fejerpotaky went on to play Saenovoravong in the quarter-final and lost the match.

Adam Woodhouse played Jeremy Meyer in another quarter-final match and defeated him. Woodhouse later lost to Saenovoravong in the semifinal.

Another quarter-final matched Jeremy Harrower against last year's winner, Roger Wardell. In a surprising upset, Wardell lost the match to Harrower, who moved on to the semifinals.

Gull defeated Peter Hecimovic to play Harrower in the semifinals.

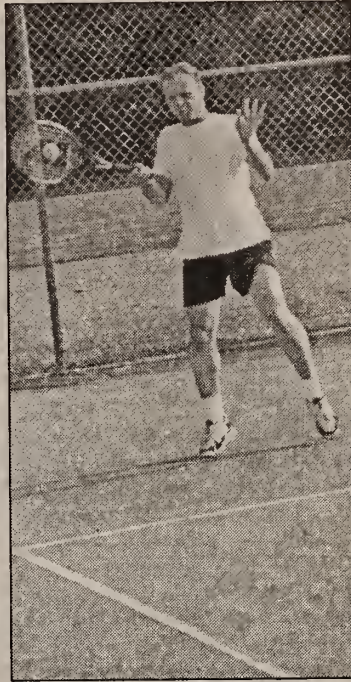
After playing for nearly an hour, Gull came out on top and went on to play against Saenovoravong.

Honorable mention goes to Joe Jarnevic who despite losing his first match, left the court with his arms raised in a V, smiling as he said, "6-0, I am the champion."

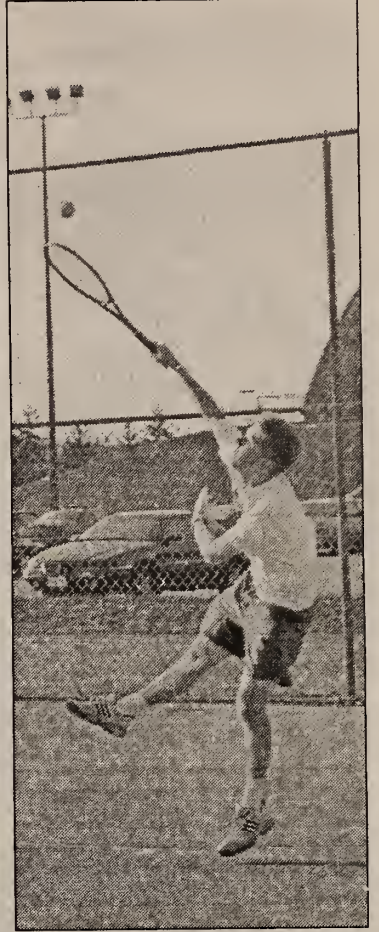
Woodhouse had a similar viewpoint. "It's not about winning or losing. It's about performing," he said.

White said the lack of line judges or any formal judging allows the students the opportunity to control the game. "It's all on their honesty and loyalty."

For his victory, Saenovoravong received a Doonstock T-shirt and two passes for the Sportsworld batting cages.



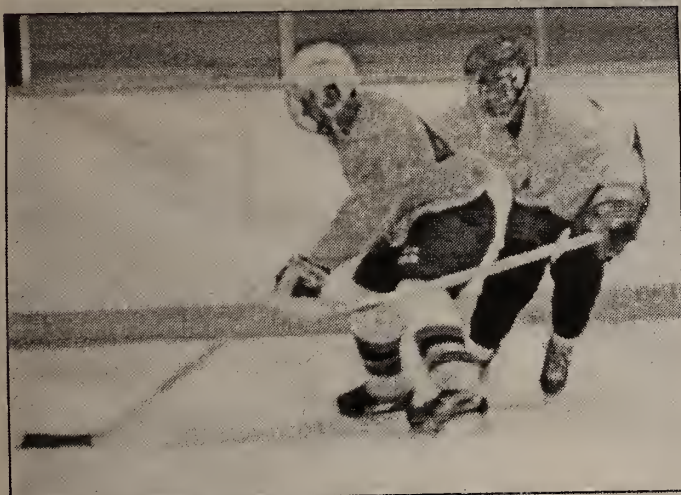
ABOVE — Jeremy Hamower returns a shot during the tennis tournament Sept. 15.



RIGHT — Last year's tennis tournament winner, Roger Wardell, reaches for the ball during a quarter-final match.

(Photos by Corina Hill)

Hockey coach impressed with early talent



Hockey hopefuls Jason Snyder (left) and Brad Mizener battle for puck control during an intra-squad game Sept. 11 at the Conestoga Condors training camp. (Photo by L.Scott Nicholson)

By L.Scott Nicholson

Sharpen the blades, tape the sticks and flood the ice. Hockey has returned to Conestoga College.

Although first-year Condors hockey coach, Kevin Hergott, is still in the process of picking a team, he said he has been impressed with what he's seen thus far in terms of talent.

He said he initially thought he would see a wide variance in talent level, however he said the level is quite similar.

When practices started Sept. 8, Hergott said there were originally 43 skaters and 14 goaltenders.

After a week of having four intra-squad teams play against each other, Hergott said the players have now been cut down to two teams.

Hergott, who takes over from

former coach Tony Martindale, said there is a good crop of returning talent with nine forwards, three goalies and only two defencemen.

Hergott said with such a large ice surface at the recreation centre, defencemen become especially important.

A larger rink allows more opportunity for opposing teams' forwards to break in on three on twos.

Despite his personal preference for what he calls a more exciting, wide open, offensive style of play, Hergott said he still likes a strong forechecking team.

The Condor shinny players will get their first taste of competition in an exhibition game to be played Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. against the visiting Seneca College team.

Condors ready to take flight

By L.Scott Nicholson

After a solid week of practice, two exhibition games for the men and one exhibition game for the women, the Condors' regular soccer season is ready to take flight.

Both the men's and the women's teams travelled to Ancaster on Sept. 9 to play against Redeemer College, while only the men played Sept. 12 against the visiting team from George Brown College.

After losing to the University of Waterloo Warriors in their first exhibition match of the season, the men's team redeemed themselves with a 2-1 victory over Redeemer.

Condors coach Geoff Johnstone said his team played really well as a result of their ability to create a lot of scoring chances. The team's downfall was its inability to convert the chances into goals.

Johnstone said his team moved the ball around so well that a Redeemer defender thought the Condors had too many players on the field.

After a scoreless first half, in which Redeemer fielded an all-rookie line-up, the second half was played by Redeemer's first string players.

The Condors first goal came in the second half when Robbie Di Matteo tallied, and later Derek Castro scored on a penalty shot after being brought down in the box.

The men's second exhibition game of the week against George Brown College resulted in a 3-2 loss despite being spotted a 2-0 lead after the first half.

Johnstone said because it was the team's last exhibition game, he wanted to make sure everyone played.

"I broke up the rhythm with too many rapid player substitutions."

After his tactical move that resulted in a loss, Johnstone said he apologized to the team and assured them he would do nothing so drastic during the regular season.

The men started their regular sea-

son Sept. 17 against the Fanshawe Falcons at the recreation centre field.

The women Condors team also improved their exhibition record with a 1-1 draw against Redeemer.

Johnstone said although some of the midfielders got in each other's way during the first part of the game, the women were dominating play near the game's end.

Good goalkeeping from Nancy Tucker was also attributable to the team's domination of play during the second half, he said.

"When a goalie plays well, it lifts the play of the rest of the team."

The only shot to beat Tucker was what the coach called a once-in-a-lifetime beautiful shot that dipped into the corner out of Tucker's reach.

The Condors' goal was scored by Karen Melonson, a player who Johnstone said has a real knack for scoring when she's around the net.

The women's team started their regular season Sept. 20 in Windsor against St.Clair College.

Relationship's in the 90's

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A walk in the park ...

by Victoria Long

No matter what the season, you can get out of the city without leaving town. Waterloo Park, with its variety of sights and sounds, is as big as many small towns.

It's easy to find,

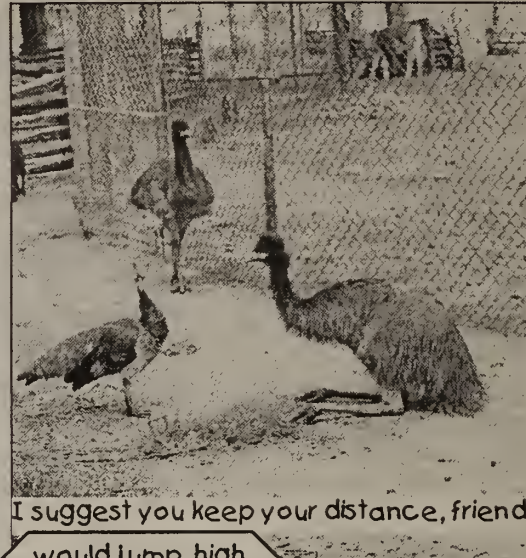
partly because it's so big — it covers almost all the area between University Avenue on the north and Erb Street on the south, between Westmount and Bridgeport Avenues.



Jen & Tiberius



Dave & Little T



I suggest you keep your distance, friend

One Sunday morning in July, my 10-year-old son and I accompanied Dave Panuto, an environmental economics student, and Jen Wolfe, a physical education major,

both from Brock University in St. Catharines, on their summer jobs tending zoo animals for the Waterloo Parks and Recreation Dept.

Our first stop was the fallow deer and llama pen.

Two adult emus also shared the enclosure this spring but the emus were moved out of the deer pen because they didn't like the newborn fawns. Wolfe said the two fullgrown emus

would jump high in tandem, then land dropkicking the fawns.

Lorenzo, the llama, tried to protect the fawns, Panuto said, but the blows were definitely dangerous.

In order to safeguard the newborns, the keepers attempted to move the emus. Unfortunately, one of them suffered a fatal heart attack during the attempt.



Looking across the lake towards the new weirs.



The weirs are not fully in use yet.

Silver Lake ecosystem rehabilitation

What's happening to the region's biggest goldfish pond?

By Victoria Long

Waterloo Park is the scene of a three-year, \$2.3 million, project to give nature a nudge in and around Silver Lake.

Stacey Ferrara, a co-op WLU environmental studies student on work term with Waterloo Parks and Recreation's Silver Lake Rehabilitation Project, said they're working to fix the lake ecosystem because it was unhealthy. The most extreme example showed up in the summer of 1995 when two mute swans and numerous ducks died of botulism poisoning. Ferrara said there was even the possibility of people being infected if they ingested lake water.

The rehabilitation project began last win-

ter with digging out deep pockets in the lake bottom where bass will be able to find the cool habitat they need to thrive. Up to now, carp has been the major fish species in the lake. Since carp is a close relative of the goldfish, one could say the lake is the region's biggest goldfish pond.

Sounds like a great tourist attraction, but the fact is, carp are bottom feeders who stir up the silt that fast-flowing Laurel Creek carries downstream and contribute to keeping the silt load suspended in the murky water. A darker surface means more efficient absorption of solar heat which further raises the lake temperature.

The project also includes the installation of 30 wood-and-gravel bass-spawning

structures constructed to mimic those in a natural bass lake and a fishing pier to attract wildlife of the fly-casting variety.

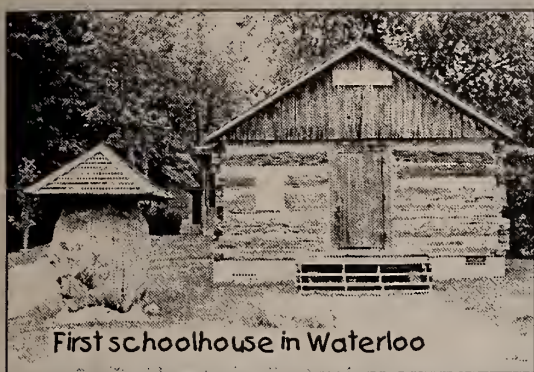
The north shore of the lake at its inlet just past the footbridge has been planted with cedar which will allow it to be a turtle nesting area. Further along the shoreline, barriers have been erected and marsh marigold and arrowhead seedlings have been planted.

Even further along, past Lion's Lagoon, the popular children's water playground, a boardwalk will be built over the new water lily pond area just down the hill from the ornamental garden area. Tube-shaped fascines of dormant dogwood and willow have been placed along the shore here. It will be a few years before the shoots reach

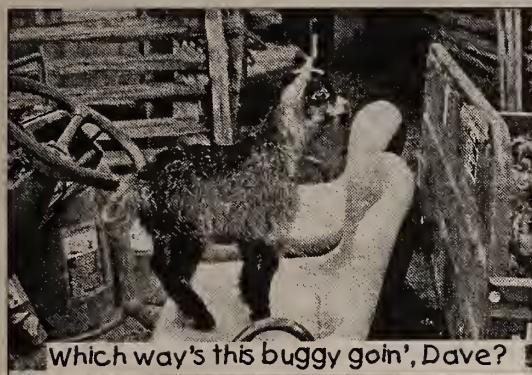
full height and begin to in-fill the area. Both trees flourish in standing water and, since their near-surface roots will trap sediments, eventually the area will fill with the desirable soft stem rushes, marsh marigolds and arrowheads which have been introduced upstream.

The lake's outlet has been changed to a series of stone weirs which will force the water to cascade downstream and be aerated by the induced turbulence. At present, much of the water is diverted around the weirs so the flow is sluggish and the lake level is much below its former, and its future, height. A much healthier lake and stream ecosystem will have been achieved by the millenium, Ferrara said.

... in Waterloo Park



First schoolhouse in Waterloo



Which way's this buggy goin', Dave?

The other was transferred to another zoo and two young emus, donated by Crosshill Emu Farm, replaced them. Goat kids' lively antics amuse young and old so the zoo tries to have more than one set born in the zoo each year.

The emus went hungry for awhile that morning because the scamps, Tiberius and little T, jumped into their food tray and ate heartily. Zookeepers moved the emu pellets out of the kids' reach but, they couldn't figure how to help the emus find the food.



Hey sis, who's that big guy over there?



Gee, human, you look sad.. they taking good care of you?

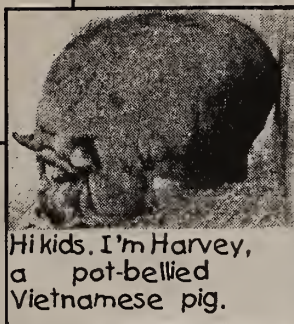
Thanks for asking, Steven, but they treat me okay in here, I guess

Lorenzo - a South American llama looking for love, was too rough for zookeeper Jen Wolfe. The seven-foot tall, about 400-pound animal stood on his hind legs and pushed against Wolfe's back. Wolfe cringed, trying to shield her head

with her arms and was visibly shaken by the llama's behavior. "He tried to rip my boots apart, then he bit at my leg. I've never seen him like that before," she said. "Every day he seems to have been getting worse."

Before the end of the month, the zoo expects to get a female llama in kid. She may even give birth before she arrives. "We're hoping having a mate will quiet Lorenzo down," Wolfe said.

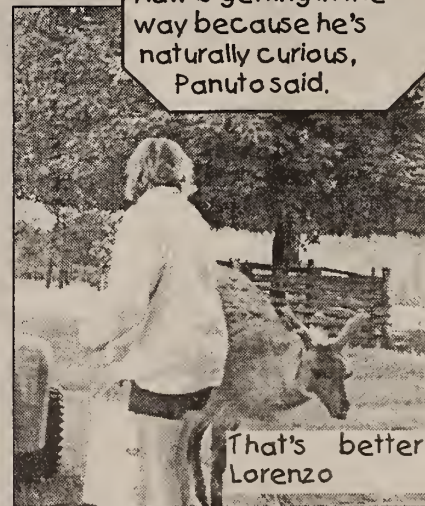
Lorenzo came to the Waterloo Park zoo from the Metro Toronto zoo where he was bottle-fed and learned to like people. Normally, he's friendly, sociable and his only flaw is getting in the way because he's naturally curious, Panuto said.



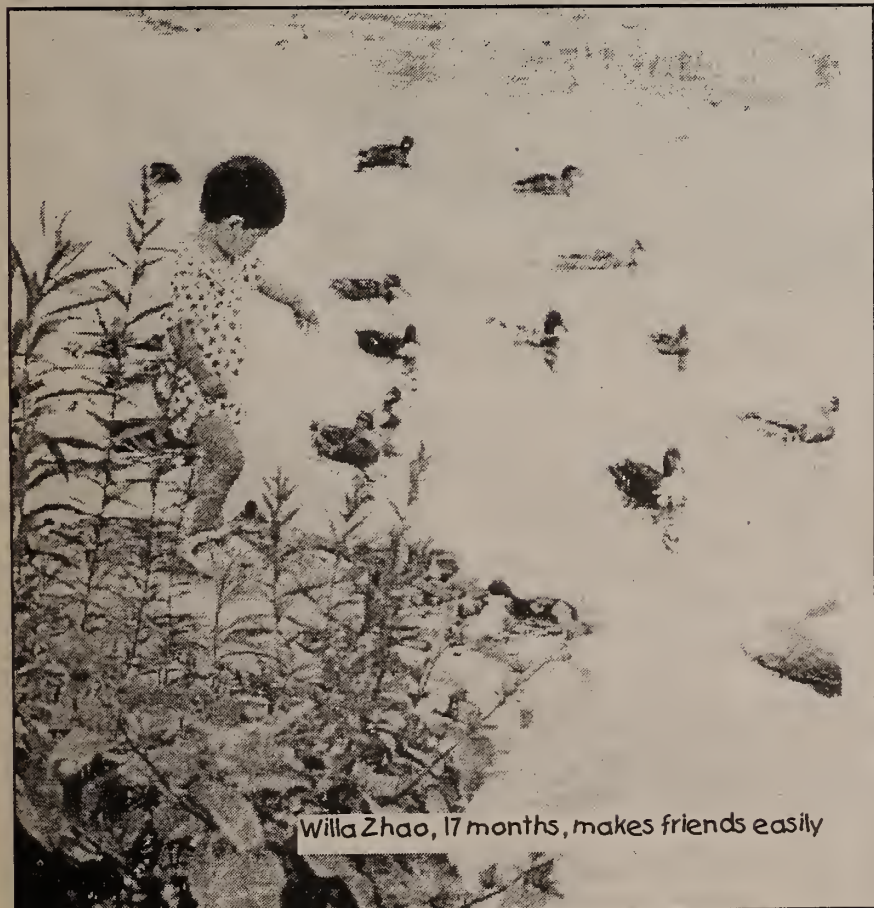
Hi kids, I'm Harvey, a pot-bellied Vietnamese pig.



Sorry, Jen



That's better, Lorenzo



Willa Zhao, 17 months, makes friends easily



Why don't you come out and see me sometime?

Kitchener's Victoria Park full of memories

By Dan Meagher

Old Tom may not know this but he is now one of many fond memories that were created in Kitchener's Victoria Park.

The Tom in question was perhaps the most notorious of the infamous Victoria Park swans that have resided in the park over the years.

To Anita Tyrrell of Kitchener, who grew up near the park, Old Tom's vicious spirit is one of several recollections that brings a smile to her face. She recalls a particularly nasty bird that was renowned around the park for biting the hand that fed him.

Tyrrell, now in her mid-'70s, also recalls concerts on a summer evening, or sneaking into a ball game in what used to be the city's sports stadium, or maybe a leisurely skate on the park's lake during the winter.

Having lived on Heins Avenue, just across from the park, for her entire youth, Tyrrell has no shortage of memories of the downtown park.

Her family even had a role in the park's creation. Her grandfather, Frederick Frank, built the landmark gates to the park, as well as the stone drinking fountain near the back of the park.

Frederick Frank, was also responsible for the construction of several homes near the park, on Water Street and Heins Avenue. In recognition of his contribution to the neighborhood, Victoria Park is now home to Frank's Lane and a small green section known as Frank's Grounds.

"I remember there were concerts



The old boathouse at the park is visible from across the lake near the main gates of the park.

every Thursday night," recalled Tyrrell. "We used to walk around and see who was there."

The park features a lake that snakes its way around a few small islands, of which the most prominent is Roos Island near the front of the park.

A public call for a bandshell in the park led to the construction of an octagonal structure on Roos Island where concert-goers could enjoy the music every Thursday night throughout the summer.

But perhaps the fondest memory of the park for Tyrrell, and many others, is the large skating surface that the lake becomes during the

cold months.

"I was over there every night until 9 p.m. Then the lights would blink and I'd go home," Tyrrell recalls.

Skating is one of the traditions that has endured at the park, although warmer winters have limited the use of the lake.

During the summer, however, use of the lake is guaranteed. The boathouse, which was constructed in 1931, continues to serve as the rental area for canoes and paddle boats.

The old boathouse seems new when compared to the Comfort Station, which was built in 1910,

only 14 years after the park opened. It is now used for picnics and as a rest spot for park-goers.

The station is near the park pavilion, which currently serves as the hub of administrative activity for the park. Kitchener's minor hockey association functions out of the building and the upper level is used for social functions and dramatic productions.

While most children remember the large playground, the massive cannons on display, or even the wading pool, the memories for adults are not all so fond.

Nighttime at the park has always been a source of trouble. The

darkness has been known to draw some dark characters to the park, and those living near the park have never been happy with the situation.

"I wouldn't go over there at night," said Tyrrell. "The park is not a place you'd really want to be very late at night."

But the park has a lot more pros than cons, Tyrrell believes. The good memories far outweigh the bad ones.

The park is now home to almost weekly events and festivals and is used as leisure space in a busy downtown core.

When asked if the park is still needed in the downtown, Tyrrell said, "It's nice to have the green space. I just have so many good memories of the park that I couldn't say it isn't needed."

Tyrrell now lives several blocks away from the park, but a part of her still belongs to the park.

The chances to go to the park may not be as plentiful for her now as they once were, but she still takes the opportunity to visit the old neighborhood when it arises.

"It has nice memories for me," she said. "I like to go."

Tyrrell's brother, Fred Frank, still resides on Heins Avenue, which gives her a good excuse to return to the area and see what has become of the park that has changed so much over the years.

The park has a rich history and is filled with stories. No one knows that better than Anita Tyrrell, whose memories are sweetened by the knowledge that her family name will forever reside in the park.

Crime in park still a concern

By Dan Meagher

Kitchener's Victoria Park has become famous for more than just its elegant romantic landscape.

The city's downtown park has a Jekyll and Hyde identity. By day, it's a leisurely family-oriented green space, and by night it is sometimes plagued by criminal activity.

This problem is one that the city is desperately trying to rectify, but also one that befalls almost every downtown park in a large city.

While the landscape of the park mystifies park-goers year-round with its grassy hills, heavily-treed islands and calm lake, it is also the sort of landscape that provides anonymity in darkness.

According to Rych Mills, author of the book, *Victoria Park: 100 Years of a Park and its People*, the park's landscape creates ideal conditions for criminal activity. "There are dark corners, bushy gardens, many hiding spots and escape routes, and sometimes very few people around."

The crime that takes place in the park is often under the general category of mischief, such as vandalism and rowdiness. However, the

criminal activity also includes drug dealing, prostitution and homosexual activity.

Waterloo regional police have taken measures to combat the problems at the park, such as increased patrols and undercover work. Yet many park neighbors don't think the measures have been strong enough.

City of Kitchener parks operations manager Dan Daly plays down the crime issue.

"We are not concerned about crime specific to Victoria Park," Daly said. "It is not worse than any other park."

Nevertheless, recent crimes in the park, such as the July beating of three homosexual men have weighed heavily on the collective minds of the community.

Mills' book says that crime has been an on-going issue in the park, beginning with the park's opening in 1896. It began with minor acts of vandalism and has continued over the years.

Perhaps the most curious criminal act in the park is the mysterious disappearance of the bust of Kaiser Wilhelm during World War I. The bust had been subjected to several minor acts of vandalism



The park's thick bushes and shady ground provide perfect conditions for criminal activity.

before it went missing. It has never been found, despite various rumors of its whereabouts, and a healthy reward still exists for its retrieval.

The nature of the crime has changed somewhat, but it has not been eliminated as the city had hoped.

"We hit a real down period in the mid-'80s," Daly said. "But in the past few years things have improved."

Daly says there is a renewed optimism surrounding the park.

"The park is used more and more all the time," said Daly. "It is in fact being used in unprecedented amounts."

Daly cited the numerous week-

end events in the park, such as the Kaleidoscope arts festival and the annual Multicultural Festival held on the Canada Day weekend as proof of the upswing in park usage.

When asked if park maintenance is a large burden on the city's budget, Daly was unable to give specific costs.

Park costs are bundled together at city hall in the parks and recreation department's overall budget, which is why the specific costs for Victoria Park's up-keep aren't readily known.

The cost of crime prevention in the park has increased somewhat, but it is viewed as a necessary increase.

A local "Take back the park" campaign, involving public rallies and increased park patrols, has had some success in eliminating crime from the park. The campaign is at the centre of a community-wide effort to make the park less appealing to criminal activity.

One of the methods of combating criminal activity in the park is to promote park usage by community groups, and city council has done its part to support groups wishing to stage events in the park.

Mayor Richard Christy is a big supporter of events in the park as part of his efforts to revive the downtown core, and he recently lent his time and support to the Kaleidoscope festival.

Tubing Elora Gorge ideal for unwinding

Kayaking, Canoeing and Wading also popular activities at Conservation Area for those willing to throw caution to the winds

By Richard Berta

"You have any last minute advice?" Sonya Duguay asks a girl sitting on the ledge.

"Yeah," the girl replies, "When you see bubbles, be sure to lift your butt, 'cause that means there's rocks underneath."

"Thanks" Sonya says, giving a nervous laugh.

Sonya fastens her helmet, and sits down in her tube, to be swept downstream by the current. Meanwhile, her friend, Jonathan Ponesse, is having trouble keeping his tube afloat. As he sits down on it, the tube is virtually submerged in water. "This isn't going to work" he sighs. Picking up his tube, he moves deeper into the river where the tube remains afloat.

Tubing, along with kayaking and canoeing are among the main attractions of the Elora Gorge. Unlike kayaking or canoeing, however, tubing doesn't require any navigating ability. You're simply carried downstream in a tube by the current.

Some people in tubes will thrash their arms and legs about in a frantic and futile manner to negotiate the cascades. But this merely accentuates one's helplessness before the current.

When this journalist decided to go tubing, he discovered a few important things

The tube will almost certainly twist and turn as you careen down the river, and you will almost certainly find yourself with your back to a cascade as you approach, in which case, you almost certainly be ejected out of your tube.

Perhaps I didn't know what I was doing. But that wasn't a cause for concern because no one else seemed to know what they were doing either.

You clearly do not need to be a professional to negotiate the Elora Gorge stretch of the Grand River - and that goes not only for tubing but also for kayaking and canoe-

ing. All you need is a little recklessness and you will go a long way - literally.

White-water kayaking seemed the most popular activity after tubing. It consists of negotiating a kayak through the cascades. Many kayakers, including John Johnson, would turn around and attempt to remain afloat while paddling against the current.

Typically, people rent tubes from the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA). In this case you can traverse a five-kilometre stretch of the river within the park, whereas if you go kayaking or

canoeing or bring your own tube, you can cover a stretch of your choice.

The river also offers opportunities for fishing. During the spring the river is stocked with brown trout and is open to anglers throughout the summer.

Another apparent attraction of the river is wading. Occasionally, one can witness small groups of people outfitted in helmets and water-tight diving suits wading slowly - and in constant danger of slipping - through the river. When I asked one of the waders what he was doing, he replied "Wading"

and moved on. The purpose of this exercise remains shrouded in mystery.

Although the gorge is clearly the main attraction of the conservation area the extensive park has sites for camping, picnicking and swimming (in the synthetic pond, since swimming in the river isn't widely recommended).

The 162 hectare park has successfully preserved extensive areas of woodland and the renowned limestone that makes up the craggy ledges of the gorge.

In light of these attractions it isn't surprising that the gorge draws 250,000 visitors annually.

What is surprising is how much of the natural environment remains intact in spite of the park receiving so many visitors.

Further upstream is the Elora Mill Inn, which is one of the few grist mills in Ontario, and is unique among country inns in North America. The mill was built in the 1840s, making it among the oldest in the region.

Clearly, the Elora Gorge is an ideal spot for unwinding. If you happen to be tubing or kayaking down the river, do note that in the event you're stuck on a rock, the costs of a rescue by the GRCA could be borne by you - the user (or loser, take your pick). Just thought I'd mention it...

In its 43rd year, park faces twin pressures of increasing human traffic and preserving natural environment

Gorge balances recreation and conservation

By Richard Berta

Most visitors to the Elora Gorge take its facilities for granted. But it has had to respond to the pressures of increased use while preserving its natural sites.

The Elora Gorge seeks to provide both recreational facilities while preserving the heritage of its sites. Recently, this balance between recreation and preservation has been reaffirmed.

The Elora Gorge has seen a rise

in attendance since 1954, when it was first designated a conservation area of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA). According to the GRCA Superintendent, Bob Gorwill, 250,000 people visit the park annually.

In accordance with the rising human activity in the park, the GRCA has found it necessary to reaffirm or in some cases, redefine

its goals for the park's maintenance.

Zoning of the conservation area ensures that the most appropriate uses are allocated to each area.

To date, there are three zones: development, heritage and natural area.

The development zone of the park allows for the more intensive recreational activities such as swimming, picnicking, camping,

etc. The natural environment will be maintained in this zone. Reforestation and improvements in drainage will also be undertaken.

The natural area zone includes the rocky, wooded terrain adjacent to the gorge. Recreational activities in this zone are to be confined to hiking and cross country skiing.

The heritage zone includes the gorge itself as well as the immediate area around it. The intent of this zone is to protect the natural features from harmful development.

The GRCA has managed to undertake some of these tasks by using fees it collects from visitors to the park. With the drying up of grants from the province and the municipalities along the watershed, the GRCA has increasingly found itself dependent on these revenues.

The Ministry of Natural Resources only funds the upkeep of dams along the river.

In spite of these apparent reversals, the GRCA has managed to modify its services and facilities in accordance with the increased human traffic and the need to generate its own revenue. The GRCA operates on a "break even" philosophy, never spending more than it takes in.

Some of the modifications that the GRCA is undertaking includes the following (some of which is in the Elora Gorge management plan):

The construction of railings around 99 per cent of the gorge in the park was deemed imperative due to the increased traffic on the main walking trails. At the same time, the absence of any railings along the secondary trails - while precarious - was left out with an eye to preserving as much of the natural heritage as possible.

The acquisition of some land on the southern fringe of the park, on the western side of the Grand River, in 1989, was a major addition to the park.

This land, formerly a private campsite, has remained a campsite under the GRCA, with the intention of relieving pressure on existing campsites and eliminating poor quality sites.

The repaving and repairing of primary roads in the park has been on-going.

The construction of a water sewage main from the park to the water sewage treatment plant in the village of Elora is likely to be the most expensive part of the modifications.

The cost of the main is expected to be \$250,000.

Construction is to begin this fall and is expected to be completed by the summer of next year.

The beach area around the one hectare synthetic pond will also be expanded to avoid overcrowding.

The use of the picnic area by clubs and companies has also been encouraged.



Sonya Duguay and Jonathan Ponesse prepare to go tubing at the Gorge. (Photo by Richard Berta)



The Elora Mill Inn, a local landmark, stands at the head of the Elora Gorge. (Photo by Richard Berta)

Farm provides refuge to donkeys and attracts visitors

By Charles Osoro

Walnut Ridge is 40.5 hectares (100 acres) of rolling landscape, hay fields, pasture, marshland and woodland, dotted with a pond, three paddocks, a 100-year-old barn and a farmhouse.

Walnut Ridge is a farm, but it is no ordinary farm.

Walnut Ridge is the home of the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada, the only one of its kind in Canada according to the farm's founder and administrator, Sandra Pady.

The sanctuary was registered as a non-profit organization in August 1992. Its main purpose is "to provide a lifelong home to any donkey, mule or hinny that is unwanted, neglected, or abused," Pady says. So far, 47 equine - 37 donkeys, six mules and four horses - have been admitted to the sanctuary.

"Some people get donkeys as pets, but later abandon them because it's a long-term commitment to raise a donkey which can live up to 40 years," says Regan Russell, 42, a volunteer at the sanctuary and an animal welfare teacher in Mississauga. Russell has been volunteering at the sanctuary for the last two years.

Most of the animals come to the sanctuary through its "emergency shelter networks" located on 50 farms across Canada. Some come from animal welfare agencies, and others from individuals who move to cities and cannot take their animals with them.

The sanctuary is located at 6981 Puslinch Township Road 4, 1.3 km west of Highway 6, between

Guelph and Highway 401. It welcomes visitors on Wednesdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from April 14 to Dec. 31. Visits can also be made on other days by special arrangement.

The sanctuary is only open two days a week because Pady lives on the farm, too, with her husband.

The sanctuary runs an animal companionship program in which many of the animals are trained to take part. People with special needs, such as the mentally disabled, come to the farm and spend an hour or so with the animals, for eight-week sessions.

Charges for this program are \$3 per person per visit. Participation in the program is organized and sponsored through schools, churches and other organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Apart from individual visitors, the sanctuary also welcomes school groups of at least 10 people for group tours at a cost of \$3 per person. The focus of such tours is to educate the groups about animal welfare.

The farm has walking trails which are kept "as natural as possible." And after interacting with the animals and taking long nature walks visitors can sit down at the picnic tables around the pond and enjoy a meal.

Visitors have to bring their own food though, and no swimming is allowed in the pond for insurance reasons.

At the Longear Boutique on the farm "donkey" souvenirs are on sale to visitors.

About 50 to 60 people visit the



Regan Russell, a volunteer at the sanctuary keeps Solo away from the Longear Boutique. (Photo by Charles Osoro)

sanctuary on each of the two days it is open per week. Regular charges per person are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children.

Every second Sunday of June the sanctuary holds its largest fund-raising event of the year, the Donkey Day. Activities at this event include entertainment by local singers, wagon, donkey, and pony rides and lots of food.

During this year's Donkey Day, 2,000 visitors showed up and 70 volunteers were available to lend a

hand.

"The volunteers were treated to a big dinner after the event, as a way of thanking them," Pady says.

Next year's Donkey Day will be on June 14, and the charges will be: \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors, students and children over six; and \$1 for children three to six years of age.

The sanctuary also receives donations by sending out a newsletter every three months.

The sanctuary may be the best-kept secret in the region. "Apart

from the ad on the Guelph 1997 Visitors' Guide, we usually do not advertise as much. We rely mainly on word of mouth," Pady says.

Pady, 53, runs the farm assisted by one full-time animal caretaker and 10 volunteers. A veterinarian and a farrier are also on call. Anybody who loves animals and would like to volunteer at the sanctuary is welcome, but they should be at least 16 years old, Pady says.

For further information call: (519) 836-1667.

Dances with geese

The Arboretum, a place to learn about plants, wildlife and take relaxing walks

By Charles Osoro

A pair of Canada geese has come to a pond to nest. The goose builds the nest on an island at the pond while the gander gets territorial, keeping intruders at bay.

Accompanying the nest-building is the mating ritual, which the pair performs acrimoniously. The ritual involves shaking their beaks from side to side in unison, dipping their heads in the pond water in tandem and calling each other in some sort of mating call.

After 26 days of incubation goslings emerge, and in less than 24 hours the whole family "abandons ship" at the pond and moves on, in search of food.

These geese have been making this annual pilgrimage to the Arboretum Centre Pond for the last 12 years. And, yes it is true, Canada geese mate with the same partners "until death do them part."

This is a story by Chris Earley in the Green Web, The Arboretum's newsletter, 1997 summer edition. Earley, 28, is an interpretive naturalist at The Arboretum. In his job he deals mainly with the natural wildlife, while his counterpart, Henry Hock, an interpretive horticulturalist, handles the plant side of things at The Arboretum.

Canada geese are not the only



Chris Earley explains a point at the Victoria Woods, an old growth forest at the Arboretum. (Photo by Charles Osoro)

animals that inhabit The Arboretum. "Red foxes, deer, owls and flying squirrels can also be found at The Arboretum, especially in the nature reserve," says Earley.

The main attractions at The Arboretum are not even the animals, but the gardens and the plants. The word "arboretum" means, "a place where trees and shrubs are grown for educational,

scientific and other purposes." On its 165 hectares (408 acres) The Arboretum contains about 2,900 types of trees and shrubs and several gardens.

The Arboretum, part of the University of Guelph, is located on Arboretum Road, east of Ring Road on the campus grounds. It is open to the public "dawn to dusk" year-round, seven days a week and admission is free for self-directed

tours, Earley says.

On self-directed tours, visitors take nature walks along the many trails, through the gardens, nature reserve and woodlands. Brochures, strategically placed along the trails explain some of the attractions found at The Arboretum.

The other types of tours that can be made at The Arboretum year-round are the educational tours,

which cost \$120 per group and have to be booked at least two weeks in advance. These kinds of tours are usually geared to people who want to raise better backyard gardens. They are led by a staff member.

Group walks also require at least two weeks advance booking. They cost \$3 per person or a minimum of \$40 for groups with less than 14 people. They are offered year-round too and are led by trained volunteers called "docents" and last one-and-a-half hours.

Arboretum Centre facilities - auditorium, boardroom, courtyard, sunroom and lawn patio - are also available to the public for such events as weddings, retreats, dinners and theatre.

Other activities at The Arboretum are seasonal and most require pre-registration and advance payment. These activities include duck, owl, insect and gull workshops.

Earley says there are about 200 volunteers who assist seven full-time employees at The Arboretum, which welcomes about 78,000 visitors a year. Most of the volunteers are Guelph community residents, while some are University of Guelph students.

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